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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Ezekiel 22:30 — "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none."

Wherever the place, whatever the task, our Lord has always called people to go and serve.

As we celebrate our Centennial Anniversary, we find ourselves indebted to those faithful servants of the past who gave of their time, talents and resources to make possible what we have today.

The task was not easy then and it is not easy today. They made up the hedge and stood in the gap before the Lord, enduring the hardship, facing the opposition and with unwavering faith, overcame the barriers. They have established a lasting memorial that will live on until our Lord comes.

Now, as we face the uncertainties of life in a transitional world, may we faithfully take our stand as servants of the Most High God to commit our bodies as a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God.

As a generation of Christians who are a part of God's eternal purpose and plan, let us this day commit ourselves to hold high the banner of Christ given to us by those who have gone before us, and to make a covenant under God to be his witnesses in this community and throughout all the world.

In His Service,

Bruce Lanier

FOREWORD

In the swift march of time, we pause to offer again our highest praise and deepest gratitude to God for all the works of His creation and for His manifold blessings upon us in the past. In looking back across the years we realize that one of His greatest blessings was to plant in the hearts and minds of a small group of Christians of this community the desire to establish a church through which they and their families might better serve and honor Him. We believe that it was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that Galeed Church was organized in 1876.

As part of the observance of our One Hundredth Anniversary the church in conference has given to the Centennial Committee the task of bringing the history of the church up to date. A History - all past events considered together – what a challenge! It was with fear and reverence that this committee began this work.

A book of this length must exclude more people that it can include. Many of the truly great are unseen in these pages. No effort has been made to clothe leaders in saintly robes. Effort has been made to present them fairly – in strength and in weakness and to show how God has used them in spite of their lack of perfection.

We would acknowledge with grateful appreciation those who organized our church and all who have been faithful to support and sustain Galeed during the past Century. We realize anew the trials, tribulations and dedication of our forefathers. We are strengthened by these trials and hardships. If time stands, God grant the people of our church in 2076 shall have cause to be as thankful for us as we are for those who served the past one hundred years.

We have witnessed the touch of God on the pages of the history of Galeed and we have felt the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the preparation of this work. If the reader of these pages will realize that he is the instrument in the hands of God, and rededicate his life and abilities to God's service, then these pages will have accomplished their purpose.

The records through the years are incomplete and we ask you keep this in mind as you read what has been prepared to the best of our abilities and submitted in humility.

The Centennial Committee
Velma Ward Pait, Chairman

History Committee
Edith Lennon Freeman, Chairman
Annie Ruth Prevatte Powers
Jabe T. Frink

THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS AT GALEED BAPTIST CHURCH
(1876 - 1976)

In order to consider and appreciate the history of any organization, one first needs some understanding of the prevailing conditions under which the organization was formed. To do this, let us look back to the area which later became known as GALEED community in the years just prior to 1876.

The Civil War had ended in 1865, leaving the entire South in devastation and defeat in the path of the invading Northern armies. Many homes were burned, crop lands laid waste, with too many of the choicest young men lying dead on battlefields, sometimes not far from their homes and families and most of whom lived in varying degrees of poverty.

Civil government was still somewhat disrupted and there were no public funds for community schools and roads. The amount of money collected by taxes in each district determined whether the schools would continue for one month, three months or six months, so the poorer areas had little opportunity for adequate schools. Each adult male was required to give a stated number of days work to maintain community roads. Schools and churches were widely scattered and travel was mostly by foot, horse and buggy or farm wagons, which made it extremely difficult to attend either school or church. There was no school in the little town of Bladenboro until 1893 and the nearest churches were at Hickory Grove, Lennon's Cross Roads and Abbottsburg. So, it was out of these unfavorable conditions that our foreparents rose to combine their efforts to provide a school for their children. They built it with their own hands of logs which they had donated themselves - the "little log school house" referred to below which later became the birthplace of GALEED BAPTIST CHURCH.

In the light of these facts and before we proceed further, we must pause and pay tribute to these faithful Christian foreparents for their courage, their faith in God, their sacrifices, their high ideals for their children and their recognition of the basic truth that the mind, the soul and the body must grow together if one is to reach the complete fulfilment that God has planned for each child of His creation.

Further on in this history, as we read some of the early financial reports, we may think the offerings were small - sometimes less that one dollar; however, let us remember the economic conditions of that day. The ravages of war had reduced them to a standard of living very similar to the early colonists. They had to raise most of their food, grind corn at water mills on local streams and use home dried vegetables and home cured meats. Most of them made their own clothing from material woven at home from cotton they had grown and wool from sheep which they had raised. Socks and stockings were hand knit and every home had its sewing awl and cobbler's stand for repairing the family shoes. School lunches were carried from home in the old "dinner pail" and the children often had only one book and a slate.

They had very little cash money. In this rural area there were few markets for the crops they raised in the small fields which they had cleared by hand. Much fine heart pine timber had to be cut in clearing the land and it was burned in the tar kilns to produce a few barrels of tar for sale at just a few dollars per barrel. With much labor, turpentine was gathered from the box-faced pines still standing. The sale of these pine products was one of the chief sources of income.

Since there was little cash money, when a church offering amounted to ten dollars, it represented a real sacrifice on the part of the members. In the event that some of us might think their offerings were small, let us examine our own stewardship, remembering that on the occasion when our Lord was "sitting over against the treasury" as the widow dropped in her "mite", He was looking not at the amount she gave but at how much she had left. She had given all that she had. These early Galeed Christians often gave sacrificially to support the causes of the church and to lay the firm foundation on which we

now build. The church today in a living tribute and a lasting memorial to those who so nobly began the church in the Galeed community and to those who have added so richly to her progress through the years. Surely, they deserve our deepest gratitude and that gratitude can best be expressed by making sure that we seek God's guidance in continued consecrated service so that the Christians throughout the next ONE HUNDRED YEARS at GALEED may enjoy the same rich Christian heritage which has been ours.

THE ORGANIZATION AND EARLY HISTORY

"When the war cloud of 1865 was over, a little log school house was erected about one and one-half miles from Bladenboro, in the southwestern part of Bladen County, near the fifteen-mile post of the Fair Bluff-Elizabethtown road, in order that the boys and girls might attend school. Soon the good women started a Sunday School with only the 'Blue Back Speller' and the Bible used for literature. As this school grew, appointment was made for that pioneer preacher, Reverend R. M. Sessoms. He was so favorably impressed that he made a regular appointment once a month until the organization of the church.

On proper notice a Presbytery met on Sunday evening, August 27, 1876, to organize a Baptist church. Reverend Elias D. Johnson was elected as Moderator and Reverend R. M. Sessoms as Secretary and with the assistance of these and others a church was organized. Reverend R. M. Sessoms was chosen pastor and a church covenant and rules of decorum were adopted. Most of the charter members had letters from Lennon's Cross Roads and Hickory Grove churches. John Moore Lennon gave an acre of land and suggested the name of GALEED, both of which were accepted and it was named GALEED MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH."

So reads the beginning of an earlier history of Galeed Church written in 1930 by Francis Dayton McLean, Sr., based on his personal knowledge of community history and on facts recorded in the original minutes of the church which had been preserved through the years by its clerks.

The church held its worship services in the log school house until the first church building was erected in 1878. In 1888 it was decided to build a school house and secure a man to teach and to preach, the Reverend R. M. Sessoms having resigned. The membership at this time was approximately seventy men and one hundred fifteen women. Reverend A. T. Howell, a recent graduate of Wake Forest College, was secured as pastor and teacher. The school continued only one session but he served as pastor two years. On January 3, 1891, the Reverend I. P. Hedgpeth of Robeson County, also a Wake Forest alumnus, was called as pastor and served until November, 1911, when he was called to the pastorate of the newly organized First Baptist Church of Bladenboro.

The name "GALEED" was suggested by Brother John Moore Lennon, who also donated the land for the first church building. The name GALEED is found in Genesis 31:48 and reads: "This heap is a witness between me and thee this day, Therefore was the name of it called GALEED."

R. M. SESSOMS

ELIAS D. JOHNSON

We, R. M. Sessoms and E. D. Johnson met at a School House near Bladenboro, North Carolina, on Sunday Evening, August 27, 1876, for the purpose of constituting a church by the name of Galeed. . . . . .

Elder E. D. Johnson, Moderator
R. M. Sessoms, Secretary

The COVENANT as adopted:

Having been as we trust brought by Divine grace to embrace Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly unto Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him, with brotherly love, to His glory as our common Lord. We do therefore in His strength engage that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, exhort and admonish each other as occasion may require.

That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but will uphold the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house:

That we will not omit closet and family religion at home, nor neglect the great duty of religiously training our children and those under our care for the service of God, and the enjoyment of heaven;

That as we are the light of the world and salt of the earth, we will seek Divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness and every worldly lust, and to walk circumspectly in the world that we may win souls of men:

That we will cheerfully contribute of our property according as God has prospered us, for the maintenance of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us for the support of the poor and to spread the gospel over the earth;

That we will in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, and may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Conference choose a moderator. The moderator to open conference by prayer.
2. The clerk to call the list and notice absentees.
3. Reading the minutes of last conference.
4. Extend an invitation to visiting brethren.

5. Take and dispose of all unfinished business.
6. Inquire into the state of the church.
7. Open the door for reception of members.
8. The moderator shall be addressed by the appellation of Brother Moderator and it shall be his duty to keep good order while sitting.
9. No person to speak in conference without rising up and addressing the moderstor.
10. No person to take any advantage of another's slips or be interrupted while speaking, except by the moderator.
11. No person to speak more than twice on one subject without leave from the moderator.
12. No brother shall be talking or laughing or leave his seat while in conference without leave.
13. All motions made and seconded shall be debated without it be withdrawn by the mover.
14. All motions to be decided by a majority of the brethren present.
15. The moderator to speak last on all subjects and give his view if he deems it necessary, but not to vote unless divided.
16. Conference to be closed by prayer or praise at all times.

THE PASTORAL MINISTRY

The church has been described as the "Bride of Christ" which He loves "as His own body." The church is a divine institution; therefore, a call to minister to its people is a divine call. In I Timothy 3:3-7, Paul sets forth the qualifications of the bishop, or pastor, and the standards are quite high.

It is the pastor's responsibility to lead the people to their highest potential in service and dedication to God, to walk before them as a worthy example of a spirit-filled life and to lead his family to do so, to preach the words of the Holy Scriptures as they pertain to salvation and spiritual growth of the individual, and to instill a desire to share the gospel with others to the ends of the earth. What a challenge! Surely, pastors must needs be very special people to meet such a challenge - and they are! Called by God Himself and ordained and set apart for a particular purpose - they are very special people.

The earlier preachers usually were some of the local people, perhaps farmers or woodsmen, who worked during the week to support their families and preached on Saturdays and Sundays. They often made great personal sacrifices in facing severe weather conditions, both heat and cold, with poor means of travel to get to the widely scattered churches. Salaries were usually whatever the people could afford in the "collection," sometimes as little as $100.00 per year. They often had little education as there was little opportunity to obtain a formal education; however, their personal devotion to Bible study, self-help, spiritual zeal and sense of divine calling combined to produce a strong evangelistic appeal to the people of their day. Annual revivals, sometimes referred to as "a meeting of days" or "protracted meetings," were looked forward to with great anticipation and often lasted for two weeks. They were day-time meetings, as travel by night was difficult. The preacher baptized the converts in an open stream or pond. Many of Galeed's converts were baptized in the James White Millpond or in Singletary's Millpond. The congregation would then go from the baptismal service to the church and have a preaching service, followed by the right hand of fellowship.

The pastor of today serves in quite a different society. Improved economic conditions have relieved him of some of the financial problems of the past; however, he has inherited some new and perhaps more complex problems which the pastor a century ago did not have. His first and greatest responsibility is still to "preach the Word;" however, in addition to those basic qualifications already stated, he must be a good administrator of church affairs and a wise counselor for his congregation who face the ever increasing and complex problems brought about by our permissive society. More opportunity for education and special training have made these tasks easier for him, but can never take the place of the dedication and consecration which is the result of a God-called and Spirit-filled life. Again, pastors must needs be very special people!

During her ONE HUNDRED YEARS Galeed Church has had nineteen pastors and three interim pastors. We are not attempting to record all that each pastor has accomplished during his stay - only time and eternity can reveal that record. The pastor is so involved in every area of church life that we feel the records of the work of the various ministries of the church will be an account of their service with us.

We have loved them - they have loved our people, and we are deeply grateful for all that the Lord has done for Galeed Church through them in their labors here.

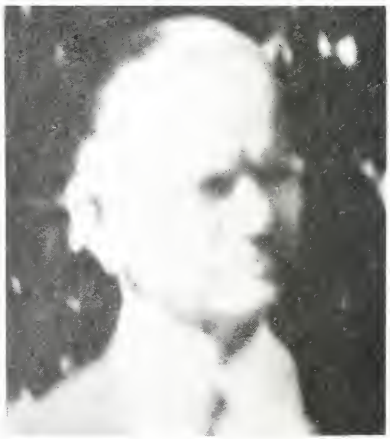
From information received from the pastors themselves, their families and from other church records, we have compiled the following biographical sketches of our pastors and interim pastors.

GALEED PASTORS DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

R. M. SESSOMS 1876 -1887

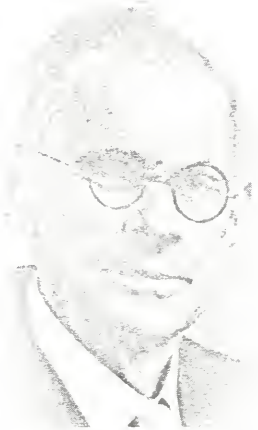
A. T. HOWELL 1888-1890

I. P. HEDGPETH 1891-1911

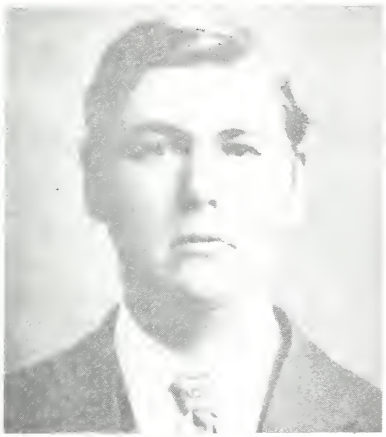


L. B. BONEY 1911-1912

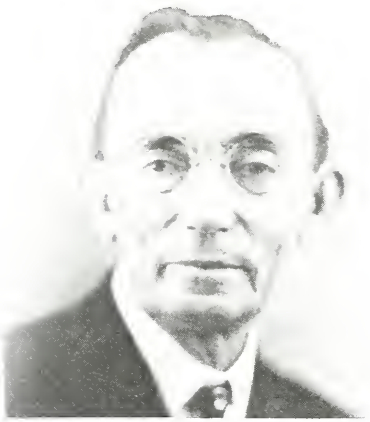
W. G. MOORE 1913



R. N. CASHWELL 1914



R. A. HEDGPETH 1915-1916



J. M. FLEMING 1916-1920

E. O. JOHNSON 1920

W. D. PRIDGEN 1921-1924

W. O. BIGGS 1925-1934

WILBUR EDWARDS 1935-1945

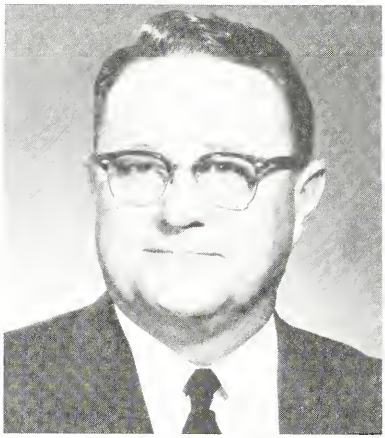
GEORGE H. WALLACE 1945-1946

A. P. STEPHENS 1947-1951

JOEL S. JOHNSON 1952

FRANK P. LIDE (Interim) 1953

MACON J. DAVIS 1954-1955



S. WOODROW JOLLY 1956-1965

ROBERT L. NEWTON (Interim) 1965

LEROY TREVATHAN 1965-1968

RICHARD EDWARDS (Interim) 1969

BRUCE LANIER 1969 -

BLADEN ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

RUTH PRINCE

CONTRACTOR OF PRESENT BUILDING

WADE CAIN

ELIAS D. JOHNSON – A FOUNDER

Elias D. Johnson was born near Bladenboro, North Carolina, in the Hickory Grove community August 5, 1828, the son of Samuel Johnson and Sarah Davis Johnson. He was married to Sara Caroline Humphrey of the Saddletree Baptist Church community in Robeson County. At the age of seventeen he was baptized into the fellowship of Hickory Grove Chruch and in 1855 was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Raft Swamp Church in Robeson County. His education was limited but he was apt and quick to learn. As a preacher, he always had every Sunday engaged during his ministry. He preached in Robeson, Bladen, Cumberland, Sampson and Columbus Counties. At least seven of his descendants have become ministers, including his great-grandson Nash A. Odom, now pastor of First Baptist Church in Dublin. Elias D. Johnson was not a pastor at Galeed; however, he and Reverend R. M. Sessoms organized Galeed Baptist Church on August 27, 1876. Reverend Elias D. Johnson died on February 7, 1893, and was buried in the cemetery at Great Marsh Baptist Church, Robeson County, which he also founded.

R. M. SESSOMS – 1876 - 1887

Since Brother R. M. Sessoms was largely responsible for the founding of Galeed Church and pastored it from 1876-1887, this committee felt it appropriate to record information about him as near to the way it was handed to us as possible. This life sketch was given to us by his grand-daughter, Mrs. Harry Hester, Sr., and was written by order of Cedar Grove Church in Robeson County many years ago. We have assumed it was written soon after his death.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF REVEREND R. M. SESSOMS

The subject of this sketch was born in Bladen County, April 5th, 1817. Earlier years of his life were spent on the farm of his grandmother, Sister Mary Davis. His chances of an Education were very limited, as his parents both died when he was quite young. After he grew up he purchased a farm near Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Bladen County on Big Swamp. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and united with Hickory Grove Baptist Church in 1844.

On February 4th, 1849 he was married to Miss Sarah J. Smith, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Robeson County, there were born to them fourteen children, twelve of which are now living.

Soon after his conversion he entered the Gospel Ministry and was one of the early pioneers in the Church in this part of the State. He was licensed to preach in 1852 and ordained on May 11th, 1856. Since that time he has done a great work in this part of the Vineyard. He never charged anything for his preaching, pay or no pay.

He organized the following churches, viz: Shady Grove, Sandy Grove, Brown's Creek and Galeed in Bladen County and Zion Tabernacle and Cedar Grove in Robeson County without any aid from the Board.

In 1869 he moved to Smith's Bridge in Robeson County where he spent the remainder of his days in doing his Master's work.

In February 1893 he was taken sick. This with the many toils and cares of years gone by moved his footsteps swiftly towards the tomb. On January 23rd 1894, at five o'clock p.m. this man of God surrounded by his dear wife and children ceased to breathe, he died in the triumphs of the Gospel Faith and in hope of the Blessed immortality beyond the grave.

On January 25th his remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery. He was a man loved by all who knew him and a Christian of broad and lasting influence for good and one who exerted all the influence which God gave him for God's cause and Kingdom here in the world. He was used as clay by God to anoint the eyes of many who were blind thus causing them to see thus we see though he be dead he yet speaketh, thousands perhaps are ready to say he was the instrument in God's hands of winning me to Christ. He was a Christian indeed and in truth can be truthfully said of him oh for more such men today.

A Captain true was he, a Soldier of the Cross, a Man from sin set free, this world must bear the loss.

Done by order of Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

D. C. Britt, Pastor
W. O. Blake, Committee

ALBERT THOMAS HOWELL – 1888 - 1890

A. T. Howell was born October 5, 1864, in Gates County, North Carolina. He studied medicine and while a student at Wake Forest College, received his call to the ministry. After graduation from Wake Forest, Reverend Howell came to Galeed as pastor and teacher. The School only continued one session but he continued as pastor of Galeed for two years. For more than sixty years he preached the Gospel.

After his retirement he wrote a number of books. He was the author of "The Dawn of a New Day," "Peter's Last Fishing Trip," "Jonah's Trip to Tarshish" and "The Lost Wedding Ring."

Reverend Howell was known throughout the South. For ten years he taught Bible and Psychology at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. He held pastorates in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. He served for several years with the Home Mission Board as a missionary in the mountains of Virginia. The Baptist Courier Magazine of South Carolina says of him that he was considered one of the most outstanding ministers of his day. He preached for over fifty-four years and more than ten thousand joined Baptist churches under his ministry. He also organized eight churches. Facts concerning his death were not available.

IPPY PURVIS HEDGPETH – 1891 - 1911

I. P. Hedgpeth was born in Proctorville, North Carolina, on March 31, 1858. He was the son of Daniel and Eliza Purvis Hedgpeth. Mr. Hedgpeth acquired the three R's in the country schools around Orrum. When he was twenty-one, he attended Ashpole Institute, at what is now Fairmont. He entered Wake Forest College in the fall of 1887 and remained but two years, weakness of eyesight developing and preventing him from attaining the goal of a college degree and a course at the seminary in Louisville.

He was ordained in January of 1890. His most lengtny pastorates were Orrum, Saddletree, Tolarsville, Proctorville and Long Branch in Robeson County, Cedar Creek in Cumberland County and Galeed and Bladenboro First (organized from Galeed) in Bladen County.

Shorter pastorates have been Spring Hill (now Barnesville), Back Swamp, Barker Ten Mile, Hog Swamp, Mt. Elim, Pleasant Grove, McDonald, Cedar Grove and Fairmont in Robeson County, Piney Grove and Boardman in Columbus County and Abbottsburg in Bladen County.

On December 17, 1896, he was married to Miss Carrie E. Lucas of Chester, South Carolina, and to them have been born the following children - Carriemae, Musical Directress at Averette College in Danville, Virginia; Drina T., wife of John Cushman of Greenville, South Carolina and West Palm Beach, Florida; Ingram P. Hedgpeth, lawyer, of Lumberton and Dr. William Carey Hedgpeth, physician, of Lumberton.

Reverend Ippy Hedgpeth died December 1, 1952.

LIVIOUS BUNYAN BONEY – 1911 - 1912

L. B. Boney was born in 1875 in Sampson County near Clinton, North Carolina. He was the son of Hiram Stallings and Zilphia Anne Boney. He married Lela Murrell of Brunswick County March 17, 1907, and they have three daughters: Mrs. W. Fredrick Obrecht (Victoria) of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. N. R. Hunter, Jr. (Louise), of Durham and Mrs. Mary B. Wall of Columbia, Maryland. Mrs. L. B. Boney still lives in Durham, North Carolina.

Reverend Boney received his education from Scottsberg College, Scottsberg, Virginia; Bethel Hill Institute, Virginia; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Reverend Boney held pastorates in numerous churches in Florida, Virginia, and North and South Carolina. In 1918-19 he was pastor of Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Reverend L. B. Boney died in Durham on May 29, 1957, at the age of eighty-two, and was laid to rest in Maplewood Cemetery.

WILLIAM GRAYSON MOORE – 1913

W. G. Moore was born in Vilas, North Carolina, June 19, 1887. His wife's name is known only as Mae. They had two daughers, Anne Moore, who now lives in Charlotte, and Mrs. Hugh Byrd (Frances) now living in Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

He was ordained to the ministry September 7, 1911, and received the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wake Forest the same year. In 1916 he received his Master of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his Doctor of Divinity in 1930 at Furman University. He held pastorates in Mount Holly, North Carolina; Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Wytheville, Virginia; Chester, South Carolina; and Galeed Baptist Church in Bladenboro, North Carolina. Dr. Moore was pastor at the First Baptist Church in Sumter, South Carolina, from 1928 until his death on April 3, 1951.

R. N. CASHWELL – 1914

R. N. Cashwell, a native of Cumberland County, pastored a number of churches in the Robeson Association. He was called to the pastorate at Parkton in 1898 and served there until 1909. At the time of his death, he was pastor at Cedar Grove and Beulah Churches. He served his Lord as pastor at Galeed in 1914.

At his death on November 12, 1937, in the Lumberton hospital, he was survived by his widow, the former Dora B. Willis of Bladen County and the following children: Mrs. D. D. McRae, Mrs. Tom Chandler, Miss Lois Cashwell and J. P. Baker.

ROWLAND A. HEDGPETH – 1915 - 1916

R. A. Hedgpeth was born October 5, 1867, a son of John T. Hedgpeth and Florence Atkinson Hedgpeth. He was married to Orenna Mae Purvis and they had three children: Hesba Hedgpeth Britt (Mrs. E. J. Britt, Jr.), Romulus A. Hedgpeth and Louten Rhodes Hedgpeth, of Lumberton, North Carolina.

The Reverend R. A. Hedgpeth was ordained in the Big Branch Baptist Church in Orrum, North Carolina. He held pastorates in numerous churches: however, those known to this writer were the following locations in North Carolina: Barnesville, Proctorville, Oakton, Forest City, Autryville and at Galeed Baptist Church in Bladenboro.

The Reverend Hedgpeth died August 11, 1923.

JAMES McDOWELL FLEMING – 1916 - 1920

J. M. Fleming was born the son of John M. and Emma T. Fleming on March 3, 1870, in Manning, South Carolina. He was baptized September 21, 1890, and joined Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Conway. His ordination was held December 8, 1895.

He attended school in the Ashpole (now Fairmont) section of Robeson County and Wake Forest College, but to a large extent was "self-educated" through extensive study and reading. He taught school for thirty-one years.

A proponent of "old-time religion" and literal Scripture interpretation, Mr. Fleming had a keen recollection of Bible passages, which he delighted to quote, and was an advocate of the "Blue Back Speller" as a fundamental of education.

Mr. Fleming held his first pastorate in Clarendon County, South Carolina, and later moved to Robeson County, making that his home. He served for several years as a state missionary in Sampson and Johnston Counties and organized many churches in that area. He held pastorates at Zion Hill, Beulah, Cedar Grove, Singletary's Cross Roads, Raft Swamp and East Lumberton Churches in Robeson County and at Center Roads and Galeed in Bladen County.

At his death on February 11, 1939, he was pastor of Smyrna Church in Robeson County. Funeral services were held at East Lumberton Baptist Church, another of the churches he organized. An estimated two thousand people attended last rites to pay tribute to this great man of God. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Susan Phillips Fleming whom he had married on December 24, 1896: a daughter, Mrs. George Sessoms (Emma); one brother, T. M. Fleming and one sister, Mrs. L. A. Jordan.

EWEN OSCAR JOHNSON – 1920

E. O. Johnson was born September 20, 1873, a son of James and Surena Humphrey Johnson. He married Lula V. Rozier.

Reverend Johnson attended Buies Creek Academy, now Campbell College, in the second year after its organization. For two years he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He pastored many churches in Bladen, Robeson and Cumberland Counties. He was a son of Great Marsh Baptist Church in St. Pauls and he and his wife were charter members of St. Pauls First Baptist Church.

Reverend and Mrs. Johnson had four children: Mrs. J. D. Britt of St. Pauls, Mrs. J. P. Crenshaw of Parkton, Mrs. Spurgeon Parnell of Greenville, South Carolina and Ewen Albert Johnson of Evergreen, North Carolina.

Reverend Johnson died September 8, 1958.

WILSON D. PRIDGEN – 1921 - 1924

Wilson D. Pridgen was born July 27, 1870, a son of Reverend Moses Pridgen and Elizabeth Blanton Pridgen. His father, Moses Pridgen, held several pastorates in Horry County, at which time his son, Wilson, was converted and accepted the call to preach. Reverend Wilson D. Pridgen was active in the Baptist ministry for forty-five years and held pastorates in Swansboro, Fuquay Springs, Red Springs and other locations throughout both Carolinas. After his retirement he was active in the Mullins First Baptist Church and served as interim pastor in churches throughout the Pee Dee area of South Carolina. Following in the steps of their father and grandfather, Wilson D. Pridgen had two sons to enter the ministry. Reverend Paul M. Pridgen served at North Charleston Baptist Church for thirty-five years and Reverend Lee Pridgen was Associational Missionary of Raleigh Baptist Association for ten years. Other sons are Gary, Robert, Otto, Durwood and Raymond, an attorney and mayor of Mullins, South Carolina. He had one daughter, Lois Sykes.

Reverend Pridgen died at the age of eighty-seven on March 31, 1957, at his home in Mullins, South Carolina.

WARREN OAKLEY BIGGS – 1925 - 1934

Warren Oakley Biggs was born May 12, 1866, in Robeson County where he spent the larger part of his young life. He was educated to become a lawyer but later answered the call to the ministry.

He married Mrs. Mittie Paul who had a daughter, Fannie Paul, by a former marriage. Miss Paul taught piano in Bladenboro School.

The Reverend Biggs came to White Oak in 1923 and pastored several churches in the Bladen Association. He served as pastor at White Oak, Clarkton, Elizabethtown, Galeed, Riverside, and again at Clarkton.

He died December 23, 1939, and he and his wife are buried in the White Oak cemetery.

WILBUR EDWARDS – 1935 - 1945

Wilbur Edwards was born April 17, 1897, to Jasper D. and Adeline Edwards of Bladenboro, North Carolina. He was married to Anna Kinlaw in 1916 and their marriage was blessed with four children: William, J. D., Paul and Edith Ann. His wife and daughter, Edith Tyndall, are presently living in Lumberton.

During his life Reverend Edwards enjoyed hunting, fishing and most of all, he is remembered for his love of people. Those who knew Reverend Edwards, though he has been gone from us twenty-nine years, still remember him with much warmth and love, for this was the life he lived. Giving of himself and never expecting anything in return, knowing that the Lord would provide all his earthly needs, is the legacy that he passed on

to his family and all who knew him and were close to him.

He began preaching in 1925 and during his pastorates he was pastor of the following churches in Robeson County: Pleasant Hope, Oak Grove, Bloomingdale, Centerville, Zion's Tabernacle and West Lumberton. In Bladen County he pastored Butters, Hickory Grove, Tar Heel, Bethel, Sandy Grove and Galeed. He also pastored East Laurinburg in Scotland County, Oak Dale in Columbus County and Cedar Creek in Cumberland County.

Reverend Wilbur Edwards resigned in October, 1945; however, the church called him to a second pastorate in December of 1946, which he accepted. After twenty-two years of preaching, Reverend Wilbur Edwards died at his home in Robeson County on January 11, 1947, at the age of forty-nine.

GEORGE H. WALLACE – 1945 - 1946

George H. Wallace accepted Christ at the age of sixteen and surrendered to preach when he was twenty-eight years old. He was educated in the public school and, according to Reverend Wallace, "attended the University of Hard Knocks." He is a "self-educated" preacher and states that he has never ceased to be a student.

He was married to Carrie Mae Wiggins of Rockingham in June of 1933. They have four children: Hugh, a medical doctor; Charles, a business executive; George, a dentist and Martha, a school teacher.

Reverend George Wallace is presently in his third year as pastor of Garrell Street Baptist Church in Archdale, North Carolina.

ALFORD P. STEPHENS – 1947 - 1951

A. P. Stephens was called as pastor in 1947 and served until 1951. He was born in Robeson County on July 17, 1895. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1920 and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1923. He married Mary E. Stephens of Fuquay Springs in February, 1921. They have four children: Mrs. Louise Nicholson, Dr. E. W. Stephens, Dr. John A. Stephens and Harold Stephens.

Reverend Stephens is well known throughout the state and has served on the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, is a former trustee of Campbell College, Crossnore School and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a country preacher at heart and has served more churches in Robeson, Bladen and Columbus Counties than almost any other minister living today. He resides on his farm in the Long Branch Baptist Church community of Robeson County.

JOEL SNOWDEN JOHNSON – 1952

Joel Johnson was born at Cedar Creek in Cumberland County in 1892, the son of Reverend W. R. Johnson, a preacher of the gospel for sixty years. He married Teliah Jackson, also of Cedar Creek and they had six children, two sons and four daughters. Nothing brought more joy to his life than the fact that his son, Weldon, answered the call to the ministry. Reverend Johnson was as sure of his call to the ministry as he was of his first and second births.

Reverend Johnson attended Downing School and Buie's Creek Academy, now Campbell College. He liked and enjoyed sports of all kinds because they represented vigorous life. He played golf, hunted and fished. A man of many talents, he had in his earlier life farmed, operated a lumber mill and a ginning operation.

In the New South River Association he was pastor of the following churches: Second Baptist, Fayetteville, Mt. Pisgah, Evergreen, Beaver Dam, Hope Mills, Carrol

Memorial, Mt. Elam, Elizabeth, Long Branch, Hickory Grove and Concord. He also served White Oak, White Lake, Richardson, Galeed and others in Bladen County. Some of the churches of Robeson County were Baltimore, Centerville, Saddletree and Mt. Elam.

On a chill November day, Reverend Joel S. Johnson was laid to rest at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, not more than a mile from where he was born.

FRANCIS PUGH LIDE (Interim) – 1953

The son of a Baptist minister, Dr. Frank P. Lide was born July 31, 1898, in Darlington, South Carolina. He was educated at Clemson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, served in the Marine Corps and, in 1920, went to China as a missionary where he served until the outbreak of World War II. Following internment by the Japanese, he was released on exchange in 1943. He went to the Philippines ini 1951 and served there as a Seminary Professor until his retirement in 1963. During these years, in 1953 while on furlough, he served as interim pastor for Galeed.

During his years as a missionary, he showed much interest in the people at Galeed and corresponded at frequent intervals with the church.

At his death at the age of seventy-one in February, 1970, in Wake Forest Hospital, he was survived by his wife, Mrs. Bettie Stephens Lide; two sons, Dr. R. W. Lide and Dr. Francis P. Lide, Jr.; four daughters, Mrs. Nina Fox, Mrs. Bettie Fletcher, Dr. Mary Morris and Mrs. Anne Ford; ten grandchildren, two brothers and five sisters.

MACON J. DAVIS – 1954 - 1955

Macon J. Davis was born June 7, 1912. He attended Mt. Olive High School, Wilmington; Fruitland Bible College; and graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Macon J. Davis was ordained August 1, 1954, at Sunset Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. His first pastorate was at Galeed. In January of 1956 he felt God's leadership to accept LaFayette Baptist Church in Fayetteville and served as their pastor for four years. Reverend Davis served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Manteo, North Carolina, for three years until his death in February, 1963, at the age of fifty.

Reverend Davis was survived by his wife, Martha, who later married Johnny Jordan. Surviving also are a daughter, Mrs. Locke Peeke (Joan), and a son, Jimmy, who married Julia Hedgpeth of the Lennon's Cross Roads community. Reverend Davis' family are now living in Wilmington, North Carolina.

SEYMOUR WOODROW JOLLY – 1956 - 1965

To N. Seymour and Amanda Floyd Jolly was born a son on February 4, 1913, namely Seymour Woodrow Jolly. In 1933, he married Ezelah Wade and to their union was born a son, Roy Allen Jolly. Reverend Jolly was called to preach and was ordained in 1946. During his ministry he has pastored the following churches in the Columbus Association: Antioch, White Marsh, Sweet Home and Clarendon. In the Brunswick Association he was pastor of Mt. Pisgah.

In the Bladen Association he was pastor at Galeed and is presently pastor of Council Baptist Church. Reverend Jolly was moderator of the Columbus Association for three years and vice-moderator for one year. In the Bladen Association he was moderator for three years and vice-moderator for three years. In Columbus County he was secretary of the Columbus Ministerial Association and chairman of its radio committee for several years. In Bladen County he served as secretary and president of the Bladen County Ministerial Association.

ROBERT LEE NEWTON (Interim) – 1965

Robert Lee Newton was born May 20, 1925, in Durham, North Carolina. He married Winnie Apple Newton of Reidsville and they have four children: Mrs. Roger (Anita Marie) Greene, Robert Lee Newton, Jr., Diana Joy Newton and Christopher Winfield Newton.

Robert Lee Newton graduated from Durham High School in 1942. He is also a graduate of Duke University and Yale University, from which he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He received the Doctor of Religion degree at Chicago Theological Seminary in 1967, after fifteen months of study under a campus-ministry grant of the Danforth Foundation. From 1948 to 1957 Dr. Newton was pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church in Millbrook, North Carolina. He was instructor at Wake Forest University at Wake Forest, North Carolina, from 1953 until 1956. At Campbell College in Buie's Creek he was Chaplain and Professor from 1957 through 1973. In Bladenboro, North Carolina, he served as interim pastor at the First Baptist Church from 1963 until 1967 and at Galeed from April until July of 1965. During the years 1957 - 1973, Dr. Newton was interim pastor of twelve churches and did supply work in fifty-three churches. Dr. Newton is currently in a pastorate at the First Baptist Church in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, where he has served since 1973.

LEROY TREVATHAN – 1965 - 1968

Leroy Trevathan was born in Nash County May 3, 1934, the son of Walter and Elvie Brantley Trevathan. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina; Carson-Newman College in Tennessee and received his degree at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. He was ordained to preach the gospel July 10, 1965, at Spring Hope Baptist Church in Zebulon, North Carolina, at the request of Union Hope Baptist Church. Reverend Aubrey S. Tomlinson, pastor of Louisburg Church presided. His first pastorates were at Galeed and Hickory Grove Churches, both beginning in July, 1965. He has held interim pastorates at Western Prong, Oak Dale and Piney Forest in the Columbus Association.

From some time now, he has been doing a wonderful work with the Bladen Association in the resort area of White Lake and is presently serving as interim pastor at White Lake Baptist Church. He is also Income Maintenance Representative of the North Carolina Divison of Social Services in Raleigh, North Carolina.

RICHARD EDWARDS (Interim) – 1969

Richard Edwards was born in Bladenboro, North Carolina, on November 5, 1935, to Harvey Edwards and Plummie King Edwards. He graduated from Bladenboro Public Schools in 1954 and from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in 1970. He married Sarah Bowen and they are blessed with two sons, Burl and Phil, both of Bladenboro. Reverend Edwards was ordained by Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church on June 4, 1967. In the Bladen Association he has pastored New Center, Butters and was interim pastor of Galeed. In the Robeson Association he was pastor at Zion Hill and is presently in a pastorate at Clybonville near Lumberton.

BRUCE WILLIAM LANIER – 1969 -

Bruce Lanier was born July 24, 1930, in Horry County, South Carolina, to D. L. and Maude Jane Gore Lanier. When he was a small child, his family moved to Tabor City, North Carolina, to make their home. He attended Tabor City and Williams Township

Schools and was graduated from Washington Lee High School in Washington, D. C.

On March 25, 1950, Mr. Lanier married Alma Perritt of Chadbourn. They have two children, William David, who married Daphne Norris, and Jeannie Lanier McDonald (Mrs. Kenneth).

During 1950, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and was baptized. In 1957, he answered a call by God, was ordained into the ministry in October by Union Chapel Church in Columbus County and enrolled at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute to prepare himself for the work he had chosen to do. In 1961, he began further studies at American Bible College in Pineland, Florida.

Reverend Lanier has pastored the following churches: New Hope in South Carolina and Union Chapel in North Carolina from 1957 to 1959, Elah Baptist in Columbus County from April, 1959, to August, 1965, and Pleasant Plains in Columbus County from August, 1965, to May, 1969. In June, 1969, he began serving Hickory Grove and Galeed Churches and did so until September 1, 1972, when Galeed decided to call him as a full time minister.

THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS

The office of deacon carries with it grave responsibility, second only to that of the pastor. The qualifications for a deacon, as laid down in the scriptures (I Tim. 3: 8-13) are practically the same as for the bishop, or minister. The deacon, too, must be a Spirit-filled man, mature in all the Christian graces, such as love, faith, patience and forbearance, compassion, humility and wisdom, to be able to work in this special relationship with people. The qualifications for the deacon's wife are also described. She is to be "grave, not slanderous, sober and faithful in all things."

In the early church, when a man was elected as a deacon, he remained a deacon for life, or until he was excluded for some offense, or he moved from the community to another church, or he asked to be released from the deaconship. When a member came into the church by letter and had been ordained as a deacon, he was received as a deacon. In 1955, the church voted to adopt the rotating system for deacons which made it possible to use all the ordained men in the church at stated intervals.

To serve as a deacon, and especially as Chairman of the Board, carried even more responsibility in the earlier days of the church as the pastor usually came only once each month. The deacons were asked to serve on various committees, as delegates to associational meetings, sometimes served as moderator of the conferences, and were responsible for looking after the poor and needy of the church. We will remember there were no governmental agencies for emergency relief and the church usually responded to a call for assistance. This love and concern is still shown in a wonderful way by the Galeed people. They are faithful to assist when emergencies come in this and surrounding communities.

The deacons were appointed to check on the absentee members or those who had gone astray and, in a spirit of love, to try to get them to return to the church. The deacons also served on the Finance Committee and assumed much of the administrative duties of the church.

It would be impossible to name all the deacons of the church as the minutes do not record all of them. Sometimes the minutes recorded only that the deacons had been elected. Our records are incomplete; however, those known to have served as Chairman of the Board are: Timothy C. Hilburn, George Lennon, Jr., Willie D. Ward, Livious B. Lennon, Spurgeon Frink, Jabe Frink, Hal Kelly, Levie Cain, H. C. Edwards, Kenneth McKee, Freddie G. Williams and Richard Bennett.

Many young men who have gone out from Galeed Church in recent years have been ordained in other churches and are serving there. Some of these are:

William Kelly, University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Elmer Worth Frink, Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina; James Kelly, Temple Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina; Bernard Monroe Frink, Kelbourne Park Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina; John Kelly, Jr., Sunset Park Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina; George Edward Lennon, Lake View Baptist Church, Hartsville, South Carolina; Charles Livious Lennon, Hopewell Baptist Church, Morganton, North Carolina; Levie Clarence Cain, Jr., West Bladenboro Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina; Robert Stanley Ward, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina; John Frink Freeman, Jr., Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

It is interesting to note three families in our membership are unusual in that all the men have been ordained as deacons. Spurgeon Frink served for many years, followed by his three sons, Worth, Jabe and Bernard. James M. Frink and John N. Kelly, Sr., grandfathers of the sons, were also both deacons. Livious B. Lennon has also served for many years and his four sons, Jerry, Charles, Edward and Joe have all been ordained within the last five years. Their grandfather, George Lennon, Jr., faithfully served for a number of years. John N. Kelly, a faithful deacon for many years, was followed by his five sons, Harvey, Hal, William, James and John, Jr.

Many very inspiring messages have been delivered by some of the deacons in the absence of the pastor. Timothy C. Hilburn, we remember, held services both in our church and in nearby churches. It is also remembered, he held services at Richardson and West Bladenboro Churches prior to their organizations. Willie D. Ward as Chairman for many years "stood in" for the pastor on numerous occasions. During a series of services conducted by "Mr. Willie," several of our dedicated laymen of today were won to Christ. Other deacons who have served well in this capacity have been George Lennon, Jr., Livious B. Lennon, Wilkes Elkins, Levie Cain, Jerry Lennon, Richard Bennett and James M. Dove. The church is deeply indebted to these men who have served so faithfully in the past. We pray God's blessings upon those presently serving. May they continue to seek His guidance in the years ahead. At no other time in history has there been a greater need for consecrated and dedicated men who will stand strong in the faith.

THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

According to the old minutes, the Church Conference was usually held after the Saturday morning preaching service. The preacher came for Saturday and Sunday services and usually spent the night with some church member as the slower means of travel did not permit him to return some distance to his home.

The conference was always opened with prayer, names of the male members called and the absentees excused, if they had sent an excuse by some other member, either written or oral. (Anyone not attending nor excused for three months was subject to exclusion.) The minutes of the last conference were read and approved. The moderator invited visiting brethren to seats in the conference. Delegates were elected for associational meetings and collections for mission causes and the needy of Galeed Church were received. The spiritual condition of the church was inquired into and if all was not at peace or if there was any discord between the members, those reports were presented to the conference.

Some people today might feel that to be an intrusion into the private affairs of the individual members; however, we must remember that in the early days of the church, the courts of the land did very little to correct the social injustices that prevailed; therefore, the responsibility fell upon the church. When a church member failed to walk as a Christian should walk, he was brought before the church, and if he did not make amends for the wrong doing, he was excluded from the church membership, which was considered to be about the worst thing that could happen to a person. The usual pro-

ceeding was for a committee to be appointed to seek out the person reported and to try to get them to confess their sin and ask for forgiveness.

Members were brought before the conference for such things as "unchristian conduct," "having taken too much strong drink," "profanity," "adultery," "cursing," "departing from the faith" in joining another denomination, "non-attendance" at the conference, "attending parties or dances," "failing to pay subscription on pastor's salary," "serving as clerk in bar room" and "swearing." The church dealt with the honesty and integrity of her members, expecting Christian church members to live a purer life than the worldly-minded person. It may seem that our forefathers were a bit severe, but the churches today are certainly much too lax in their requirements for church membership and in church discipline.

We quote a few interesting remarks from our conference minutes:

February 1885 –	R. M. Sessoms and G. M. Register whose labors we believe were blest and much and lasting good has been done in this church. The increase was small, we believe that the Spirit of God was in our midst - received and baptized on Friday morning six candidates - returned to the church and extended the right hand of fellowship and a short sermon was delivered by our pastor and closed the conference.
September 1890 –	The following rule was passed by the church. Due notice shall be taken of all such as shows a disposition to absent themselves from their church meetings.
April 1891 –	Galeed Church met. Sunday School at 10 o'clock a.m. Preaching at eleven by the pastor. After preaching a collection was taken for Home Missions amounting to $5.00, after which the Lord's Supper was celebrated, the church and others of the same faith and order.
August 1895	We had eight days of preaching conducted by the pastor assisted by Brother Methuel Stephens. There were some made happy in Christ while others manifested deep interest in the salvation of their souls. The church was greatly revived with a mighty outpouring of the Good Spirit in our souls . . .
June 1898 –	On motion the School at Bladenboro be allowed the privilege of using church seats at the commencement exercises.
May 1942 –	It was decided that all the boys in the armed services should be sent a small pocket size Sunday School quarterly. The ones now in service are: Franklin Bullock, B. M. Davis, Horace Freeman, Hal Kelly, Myers Lennon, F. D. McLean, D. H. McLean, Dewey Freeman, Eby Frink, Charlie Watterson, Livie White, Odell McKee, Henry Pait, Tracy Pait, Lacy White, J. C. White, Hutchinson White and Stuart Ward.
February 1966 –	Offering for the Heart Fund was taken in memory of Wilbur Smith.
July 1975 –	A motion was made to begin work on our church Centennial, Velma Pait elected chairman.

THE CHURCH BUILDINGS

The first church building at Galeed was a one-room hip-roof frame house built in 1878. It was repaired and remodeled in 1895 with barn roof additions. Again in 1923 the old church was remodeled, was turned to a position parallel with the public road, and

a new auditorium was added with comfortable pews which made possible six additional Sunday School class rooms. Two more class rooms were added in 1947 and two in 1950. Much of the labor on these additions was contributed by the men of the church. A covered entrance and brick steps were added and concrete walks were laid. The Young Men's Sunday School Class donated the materials and did the work in laying the concrete walks. A donation from Mr. and Mrs. Byron M. Edwards provided for adding shrubbery for the church grounds. The brick steps were left in place when the old church was removed from the church property in 1973, and a granite marker placed on top of the steps in 1976 designated this spot as the original site of Galeed Church.

The first buildings were lighted by wall and hanging kerosene lamps which were later replaced by gas mantle lamps. During the 1920's a battery-powered Delco lighting system was installed and Mr. John M. Lennon was most faithful in keeping it in operation. In 1939 the Carolina Power & Light Company extended rural service in the area. The early church buildings were heated by large wood-burning heaters which were later replaced by coal-burning heaters. In 1948 a gas heating system was installed. (Some of the older church members will remember huddling around those old heaters in an effort to keep warm on a cold December night while practicing the Christmas pageant!)[1]

In 1956 the people began to see the need to plan again for further expansion of Sunday School class room space and started a building fund for that purpose. In 1957 plans were adopted to remodel the church and construct an educational building connected at the rear of the church building. However, it soon became evident that there was a rising sentiment among the people to construct a new brick building and Mr. W. Clayton Freeman offered a building site on Highway No. 410 (Chadbourn Road). Since this would involve a greater expenditure and necessitate a change of plans, the church voted to rescind all prior building plans until the building fund reached $20,000.00 and maintain the present building with necessary repairs. In the meantime, there was considerable discussion as to whether it would be advisable to move the church from its original site. However, by the time the financial goal set had been reached, the church had voted to build the new church at the original location.

Groundbreaking services for the construction of the new Educational Building were held on May 9, 1965, with the Reverend Robert L. Newton of Campbell College faculty, interim pastor, as speaker. Reverend Alton Coble, Associational Missionary, brought greetings from the Bladen Baptist Association. Reverend Thomas Womble, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bladenboro, also participated in the service. Because of lack of space on the original church property, the building was constructed on the present site on adjoining land presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. William L. Frink. In October, 1967, the church moved into the new Educational Building and a Dedication Service was held on November 19, 1967, with the Reverend Cleve L. Wilkie, of the Baptist State Convention, as speaker.

Soon thereafter, plans began to take shape to build a sanctuary adjoining the Educational Building and on April 5, 1970, the church voted to begin construction with funds on hand and a loan of $20,000.00. The church members gave sacrificially and, together with generous gifts from friends and former members, made possible the completion of the sanctuary by 1972, and by 1974 all indebtedness was paid. The beautiful stained glass windows, pulpit furniture, baptismal painting and many of the pews were memorials, as shown on a plaque in the vestibule of the church. Several of the pews from the auditorium of the old church were refinished to match the interior of the sanctuary and placed in the balcony. These pews were made in 1923 by hand, of a very comfortable and attractive design by several of the church members who were carpenters, some of whom were: Spurgeon Frink, Livy Kelly, Sr., John M. Lennon, Grover C. Frink and Carl Pait. The original church bell from the old building has been installed in the steeple and may still be heard on Sunday morning throughout the community. In years gone by, before the days of automobiles, radios and telephones, the old church bell served somewhat as a communication center. It rang out with regular rhythm at the stated hours of church service and seemed to invite everyone in the community to come to church. On

other occasions, the extra slow and prolonged dong - - dong - - dong meant there had been a death in the community. The death knell was a very solemn and sorrowful sound. A fast and loud clanging of the bell meant an emergency in the community where help might be needed, such as a house on fire, an approaching forest fire out of control or some other major castrophe.

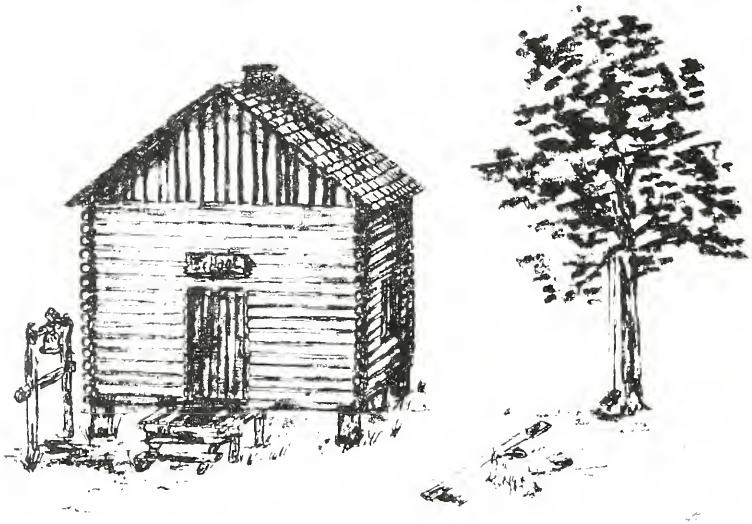
The Organ Fund began as memorial gifts and was later supplemented by church offerings. The new Baldwin organ was installed and used first at the Easter worship service in 1974. A new Baldwin piano was purchased in December, 1974.

Concrete walkways were placed around the building in 1973 and the parking area was paved and shrubbery planted the following year. A church sign for the front lawn has been erected this year.

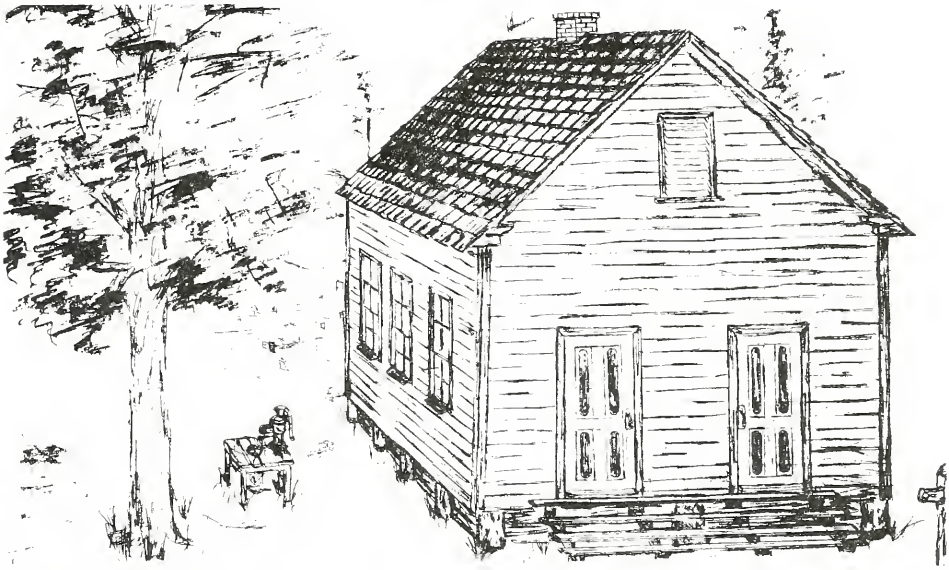
In April of this year (1976), a Building Committee was appointed to make a survey of needs and plans for possible remodeling of class room interiors and the addition of an annex to the building to include a larger fellowship hall, kitchen and additional class rooms.

As stated in the early history of the church, the original one-acre plot of land was donated to the church by John Moore Lennon. The church was organized in the little log school house and the first church building erected in 1878. As time passed, as is often the case, a cemetery was started near the church and within a few years more space was needed. In 1920, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dayton McLean, Sr. donated 1.20 acres of land to meet that need. Mr. and Mrs. W. Clayton Freeman donated .31 acre of land in 1955 in an exchange of land which would keep the church property in line with the existing roads. When the church was ready to begin construction of the new Educational Building, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Frink donated 1.3 acres of land to allow space for future building plans, which is the present site of the new church. The church has this year, 1976, purchased additional land (.3 acre) from Mr. and Mrs. Frink at the rear of the Educational Building on which to build the proposed annex mentioned earlier.

A map made in a 1976 survey shows the boundary line of the combined church property which consists of 4.49 acres.



Log School (J. M. Dove's conception)



First Church Building 1878
(as remodeled in 1895)

(J. M. Dove's conception)

Second Building 1923 (as remodeled in 1950)

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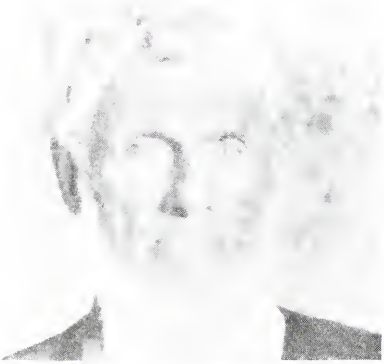

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CLAYTON & DOROTHY FREEMAN

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THE CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

About the middle of the Seventeenth Century, Baptist churches in England initiated the practice of joining together in associations with the chief purpose being to maintain fellowship among scattered congregations. American Baptists adopted the practice, forming the Philadelphia Association in 1707, the Charleston Association in 1751 and the Sandy Creek Association in North Carolina in 1758. The Sandy Creek Baptist Church is the oldest church in North Carolina. Shubal Stearns, a member of that church and founder of the Sandy Creek Association, had become convinced that an organization composed of delegates from the churches was needed to provide stability, regularity and uniformity to the work of the churches.

Since 1758, most of the Baptist Churches organized in North Carolina have either joined an association accessible to them, or formed a new one more conveniently located. The early associations held meetings almost exclusively for worship and fellowship, with sessions which continued for four or five days until most of the ministers present had preached at least one time. After the Civil War, associational meetings gradually took on more of the characteristics of business sessions, with emphasis on ways and means for the extension of missions education, temperance, Sunday School work and of course, today it is concerned with all phases of church work.

The Cape Fear Association was organized in October of 1805 in Robeson County after a division of the Neuse Association. In 1806 member churches were in Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Robeson and Sampson counties, which was quite a large territory and quite difficult for the delegates to attend very often with the limited means of travel of that day.

We note with interest one item about Galeed Church as found in Cape Fear Association Minutes of the session held at Lennon's Cross Roads Church, Columbus County, North Carolina, October 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1876, Reverend Haynes Lennon, Moderator, Bladenboro, North Carolina. "An invitation was extended to newly constituted churches desiring to unite with this association. Petitions were presented from the following. . . . . .Galeed, Bladen County. . . . . .all of which were, after due inquiry and examination into their orthodoxy and Christian status, on motion, unanimously received the right hand of fellowship extended the delegates." The delegates from Galeed Church were Frank H. Hilburn, Snowden Hester and C. W. Williams. The church membership was listed at 34. We will remember that this was less than two months after the organization of Galeed Church.

In 1877 the membership was 62 - Delegates, J. G. Freeman, H. F. Hilburn, C. W. Williams.

1878 membership 75 Delegates Dennis Lennon, James Ward
1879 membership 84 - Delegates - D. H. Hilburn, F. H. Hilburn
1880 membership 86 Delegates H. F. Hilburn, J. G. Freeman, J. H. Thompson
1881 - membership 90 - Delegates W. J. Ward, R. M. Hilburn, G. B. Byrd
1882 membership 106 Delegates J. H. Thompson, T. C. Hilburn, J. G. Freeman
1883 membership 130 Delegates C. W. Williams, T. J. Freeman, W. J. Ward
1884 R. M. Sessoms, Pastor - Delegate J. M. Frink
1885 membership 125 (some members lost to organize Zion Hill) - Delegate T. C. Hilburn
1886 membership 151 Delegates T. C. Hilburn, J. G. Freeman
1887 membership 149 Delegates T. C. Hilburn, Snowden Hester
1888 Delegates F. P. Callihan, Pastor A. T. Howell, J. G. Freeman
1889 membership 143 Delegates Snowden Hester, T. C. Hilburn, J. H. Thompson
1890 membership 151 - Delegates C. G. Averitte, T. C. Hilburn
1891 membership 148 Pastor I. P. Hedgpeth, Delegates A. J. Freeman, Snowden Hester, C. T. Averitte

1892 – Association held with Shady Grove Church – membership 162 – Delegates A. E. Pait, H. C. Bridger, J. M. Kelly, C. G. Averitte

Central Union was organized at Galeed Church in 1885 with Galeed, Sandy Grove and Clarkton Churches as charter members. Each church had four representatives – the pastor, two deacons and a layman. In 1926, when Central Union voted to unite with the Bladen Union and assume its name, it had grown to include Mt. Pleasant (now Lisbon), Bethel, Hickory Grove, Abbottsburg, Center Roads, Sandy Grove, Love's Grove, White's Creek, Zion Hill, West Bladenboro, Elizabethtown, Richardson, Bladenboro First, Shady Grove and Brown's Creek Baptist churches. Greetings were sent to that meeting from Galeed by delegates T. J. Freeman, T. C. Hilburn, George Lennon and Asa White.

Galeed was also a member of the Columbus Union until she asked for a letter of dismission in 1884. This union later combined with the Cape Fear Association and the name "Columbus" was dropped. Other records on this membership are not available.

On August 6, 1892, Galeed Church voted in favor of the organization of a Bladen County Association and appointed delegates R. J. Hester, A. E. Pait and J. W. Callihan to attend the Brown's Creek Baptist Church on September 15, 1892. The delegates who attended the convention reported that eighteen of the twenty-two voted for a Bladen County Association and agreed to meet at Mt. Pleasant Church on November 7, 1892, for a permanent organization.

The churches of Bladen Association have worked together in a marvelous way through the years. Perhaps one of the most important steps forward was the adoption of the plan for securing an Associational Missionary in 1950. Reverend B. M. Glisson was the first and served for six months. Mrs. R. J. Hall was elected full time in 1950 and gave of herself most sacrifically in visiting and working in the smaller churches in Vacation Bible School, mission organizations and the promotion of all areas of church work. Mrs. Hall resigned in 1960 and Reverend Alton Coble, pastor of Lisbon Church, served on a half-time basis. In 1966, Mrs. Ruth W. Prince assumed the work temporarily when Reverend Coble's pastoral duties called him outside the association. She was later elected on a permanent basis and has given outstanding leadership in the promotion and co-ordination of the work of the churches.

On February 27, 1972, the church voted to give $1.00 per resident member to begin construction of a new associational building in Elizabethtown and voted in November to continue paying $2.00 per member until the building is paid for. Mrs. Prince continues to serve on a full time basis now, always ready to serve the churches in any way possible. In addition to her regular duties she has served very ably as Acting Director of Bladen W. M. U. this year.

The annual session of Bladen Baptist Association has met with Galeed Church six times – 1894, 1902, 1924, 1943, 1961 and 1972.

THE CHURCH REACHES OUT

When Galeed Church was organized she drew most of her charter members from Hickory Grove and Lennon's Cross Roads Churches – members who lived in this community and found it difficult to attend church several miles away. As the years passed, Galeed in turn, gave of her members to help in starting new churches in nearby communities.

The minutes of November 7, 1885, record the granting of letters to Brethren H. Frank Hilburn, David H. Hilburn and Rufus M. Hilburn and wife, Lucy C. Hilburn, "to constitute a new church" (Zion Hill). Reverend R. M. Hilburn became the first pastor of that church. In 1895 Brother R. J. Hester was granted a letter to join Brown's Creek Baptist Church or "the new Baptist Church at Elizabethtown to be organized." During the next few months others followed at intervals.

The Reverend I. P. Hedgpeth, who came to Galeed as pastor in 1891, deserves the sincere gratitude of both the Galeed and Bladenboro communities. In his mature wisdom and farsighted vision of future needs, he saw that there was a need for a Baptist Church in the town of Bladenboro. The town had grown with the coming of additional business firms and the population growth centered there. Thinking that two churches might not prosper so close together, he suggested that Galeed move its location to Bladenboro.

As was to be expected, many of the members wished to remain at Galeed and quite a few would find it more convenient to attend a church in town where they lived. The latter group conducted Sunday School for a while in the Bladenboro School building which was located on the present site of the First Baptist Church parsonage. On October 8, 1911, the Reverend Hedgpeth assisted them in the organization of First Baptist Church of Bladenboro with fifty of its sixty-five charter members coming from Galeed Church. The Reverend Hedgpeth was called as their first pastor. The two churches have continued to grow and work cooperatively, each serving the needs of its respective community. The following members were granted letters to constitute the new church:

R. Craven Bridger
Henry C. Bridger
Mary White Bridger
Bessie Bridger (Elmore)
Mamie Bridger (Butler)
Charlie O. Bridger
Robert L. Bridger, Sr.
Emma Stone Bridger
Jettie Bridger (Bridger)
Robert L. Bridger, Jr.
Nicie Bridger Powell
James W. Callihan
Mary Della Callihan
David Andrew Callihan
Neata Callihan (Walters)
Vannie Callihan
Delph V. Callihan
John G. Callihan
Walter Gaston Callihan
Charles William Deaver
Fannie Roberts Deaver
Mary Turner Edwards
William Arthur Hester
Snowden Hester
Frances A. Hester
Dan Talbott Hester
W. W. Hester
Lizzie Hester
Amsey A. Hilburn
Pauline Hilburn
J. W. Johnson
Ada Hester Johnson
S. Florence Shaw
Cecil A. Shaw
Bennie V. Shaw
John I. Singletary
Attelia M. Singletary
Alice C. Singletary
Bertha E. Singletary
S. Della Singletary
Eliza V. Singletary
Daisy Thompson
Council H. Williamson
Lydia Singletary Williamson
Mattie Williamson (Shaw)
Robertie Williamson (Singletary)

Richardson Church also drew some of its charter members from the Galeed congregation. Timothy C. Hilburn, a devout Galeed deacon and Sunday School teacher, held prayer meetings for some time in the Richardson community before the organization of the church in 1914. He also held services at West Bladenboro before the organization of that church in 1917.

The people of Galeed have also consistently shown an interest in aiding financially their sister churches in the Association. Aid was given to Briar Branch Church in 1899 to help build a new house of worship, the old one having been destroyed by fire. On two different occasions in 1904, offerings were taken to help build a house of worship at Elizabethtown. On August 7, 1904, a collection was taken to build a church at Union Chapel amounting to $3.11. In 1947, a member at Galeed, Mrs. Kate (J. N.) Kelly gave timber to cut the framing for a house of worship at what is now New Center and the church also gave a cash offering to assist. The first church pulpit made by J. N. Kelly, which had been replaced by new pulpit furniture, was also given to New Center. In later years "Galeed's first pulpit" has been put to use in the chapel at White Lake Correctional Center. In May, 1956, an offering was taken to aid in building the Pittman Road Mission - now Grace Baptist Church - amount $50.00. Galeed has contributed several times to the Chapel at White Lake Correctional Center through Jabe Frink, who has put much time and effort into this project. We rejoice to know that a large percentage of our Home and Foreign Mission Offerings are used to build church houses around the world.

Not only has Galeed given of members to start new churches, her offerings to build church houses, but has sent out many of its people in full time Christian service. On

November 1, 1885, Reverend Rufus M. Hilburn went out from this church to help constitute a new church (Zion Hill) and was first pastor of that church in 1886 when it was organized. Some other churches he served in Bladen Association were Sandy Grove and Hickory Grove. He served as moderator of the Bladen Baptist Association from 1906 through 1910 and was a well known and loved pastor for many years. He was born April 1, 1854, the son of Frank Hilburn and wife, Sallie Hester Hilburn. He married Lucy Caroline Hilburn and they raised a large family, whose descendants have been active and zealous in the Lord's work. He died June 29, 1929, and is buried in the old Hickory Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Also securing a letter of dismission at the same time to help constitute the new church (Zion Hill) was the Reverend Rufus Hilburn's brother, David H. Hilburn.He was born in 1860, the son of Frank Hilburn and wife, Sallie Hester Hilburn. He was a licensed preacher and ordained to the ministry on April 4, 1891, at Zion Hill Church by the presbytery called for that purpose, G. C. Caines and R. M. Hilburn. He was a well known minister and preached at many churches in this area. He was married to Fannie E. Freeman, daughter of J. Gilmore Freeman, Sr. and Sarah J. Lennon Freeman, and they reared three sons and two daughters. He died June 25, 1929, and is buried at the Singletary Cemetery at Butters, North Carolina.

It is quite unusual and sad to know that these brothers, both Baptist ministers and near the same age, should be taken within four days. They had both worked zealously for the Lord for more than forty years.

The minutes of the church record in May, 1887, "Brother Snowden Hester applied to the church for license to preach the gospel, which was granted." For many years he served as a lay preacher in many of the surrounding churches. He was among the fifty members who moved their church letters to become charter members of the First Baptist Church, Bladenboro, in 1911 and was very active in the work there. He was born December 8, 1836, the son of Matthew and Sophia Guyton Hester, married Frances A. Butler and they reared a large family whose descendants today contribute much in Christian service and civic responsibility. He died July 7, 1916, and is buried in the Hester Cemetery near West Bladenboro.

The church minutes are incomplete in the late 1870's and early 1880's; however, we know that during this period Adoniram Judson Freeman was licensed and ordained as a minister at Galeed. He was born January 30, 1859, the son of J. Gilmore, Sr. and Sarah J. Lennon Freeman. He was active in the ministry, preaching at several churches, one of which was White Marsh Church in Columbus County, others not known. He performed many weddings and funerals. He married Maggie Hester and together they reared a large family. His messages were often evangelistic in nature and it is interesting to note that even after death his witness continued through the unusual epitaph he had requested to be on his tombstone – "Remember friends, as you pass by, as you are now so once was I. As I am now, you soon must be, prepare to meet death, and follow me." He died April 8, 1922, and is buried in the Galeed Cemetery.

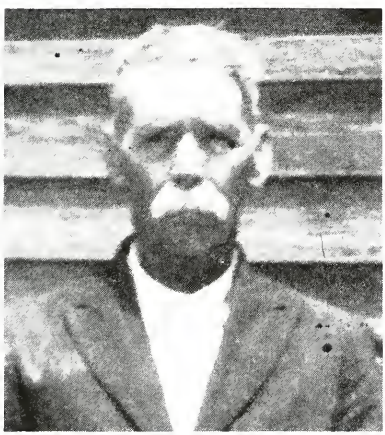
In July, 1889, Brother W. Joseph Ward called for a letter of dismission to join the McKinney Church in Kentucky. He was an ordained minister and served in churches in Texas and the Mid-west. His daughter, Miss Josephine Ward, was appointed a missionary to China in 1922. She taught in Baptist Girls schools and colleges until her recent retirement.

Brother J. Edward Humphrey came to Galeed Church as a young man by letter in 1938. He was a native of St. Pauls, North Carolina. He later was ordained to the ministry, received his Bachelor of Arts at Wake Forest College, his Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was appointed missionary to Nigeria in 1948. Before going to Africa he served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and North Carolina. He returned to the States in 1965 because of his wife's ill health and is at present a Professor at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California.

Miss Kathleen Frink, the daughter of Spurgeon and Maude K. Frink, surrendered her life for full-time Christian Service as a young girl. She graduated at Mars Hill College, received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Carson-Newman College, Tennessee, and Master of Religious Education from the WMU Training School (Carver School of Missions), Louisville, Kentucky, and has served as a special worker with the Home and State Mission Boards. She also served as Superintendent of Missions in Three Forks Association for one year and Associate Superintendent in Pilot Mountain Association working with Reverend Lewis Ludlum. She later married Beverly N. Sullivan, Jr., and is still very active in her home church, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. She and her husband teach a Sunday School class of tenth grade pupils and he serves as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. Both have training in evangelism and work faithfully in the lay-witness service. They have three children who share their interest in spiritual things, Ruth, Beverly, III and Kathy. In a recent letter she expressed appreciation for Christian training in her home and at Galeed Church as a child which had molded her life spiritually. She says, "It was there I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour (I didn't understand it all but as a little girl, I accepted Him!) There I memorized much scripture, which has helped me immensely. In Training Union, I learned to speak and to play the piano for congregational singing. In Sunbeams and G. A.'s I learned about missions. In Sunday School I learned basic Biblical principles for my life. The older I grow the more necessity I see for all of these things being taught while one is young."

We have a wonderful group of young people in Galeed Church now and under the leadership of our pastor, the Reverend Bruce Lanier and youth leaders, Jerry Lennon and Richard Bennett, they are growing in Christian maturity and a desire to be good witnesses. Several have expressed a desire to enter full time Christian service and we shall be praying for them and offering every encouragement possible to the end that we may continue to have many Galeed people REACHING OUT to minister to a needy world.

FULL TIME CHRISTIAN WORKERS GONE FORTH FROM GALEED



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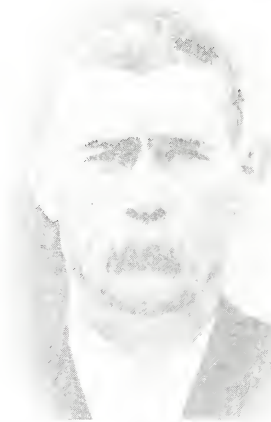

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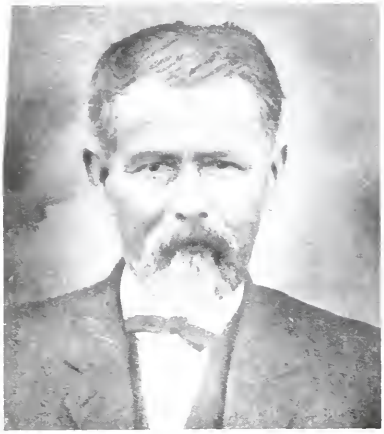

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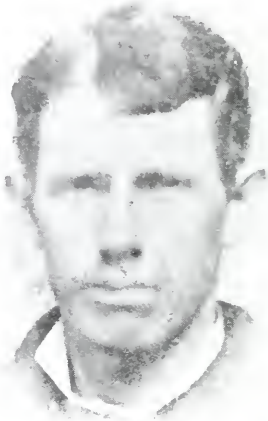

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REV. W. JOSEPH WARD

REV. EDWARD HUMPHREY

KATHLEEN FRINK
(Mrs. Beverly N. Sullivan, Jr.)

THE CHURCH AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presents this challenge to his disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted?" and "Ye are the light of the world . . . . Let your light so shine before men." He lovingly tried to help them to see more clearly that they were to be in the world but not of the world; that they not only had a responsibility to keep themselves pure but to seek to influence the world around them toward righteousness. That is His ideal for His Church.

From the early years, our records indicate that the people of Galeed have been conscious of their responsibility in this area and have attempted to take action on many occasions to speak out against the evils of the day.

In 1901, the minutes record the petitioning of the North Carolina Legislature to make it illegal to manufacture intoxicating beverages within a five-mile radius of the church. In 1903, they again petitioned the Legislature to incorporate the church against the sale and manufacture of liquors and wines within a four-mile radius of the church. We will remember that this was long before the Prohibition Era and the Eighteenth Amendment (1919). There was much activity within the church when the news of the Eighteenth Amendment was before the people and a favorable vote throughout the nation enacted it into law; however, in 1933 the Christian people of our country failed to make sufficient effort to prevent the repeal of this amendment and it has been necessary to renew the fight at intervals every few years.

In 1967, a bill was introduced in the Legislature known as the "Brown-bagging Bill" which would liberalize the sale and use of intoxicating beverages. Our church voted to go on record in opposition to this and letters were written to our senator and two representatives strongly expressing our position and a formal petition was sent bearing the names of more than seventy adult church members. Also, a check was sent to The Christian Action League in support of its effort.

In 1968, the members of Galeed Church (and Sunday School) passed a resolution to write an open letter to the Lumberton Dry Forces thanking and commending them for their efforts in defeating the proposal that would have established ABC stores in their city, thus effecting our nearby town.

In 1969, the church authorized a letter to the Space Center officials commending the Apollo VIII crew for the recognition of God as Creator of the universe and the reading of the Bible aboard the space craft on the moon flight.

Again in 1973, checks totaling $225.00 were sent to the Christian Action League to aid in the Liquor-by-the-drink referendum which was before the people again.

In March, 1974, a check in the amount of $126.00 was sent to the Bladenboro Rescue Squad to aid in its great service to the community; also, in 1975, another check for $230.00 was sent. A donation of $1,000.00 was made to the Bladenboro Medical Center to assist in making possible adequate medical treatment for the community.

We were recently involved in the fight against alcoholic beverages in our county seat of Elizabethtown and forceful letters were written to county newspapers and town commissioners. We sent a check in the amount of $500.00 to the Bladen Unit of the Christian Action League to aid in working for the defeat of the proposal.

While war is not the ideal way of the Christian to settle international problems, sometimes it becomes the civic duty of church members to answer the call to serve in the armed forces. Through the years, our people have bravely answered the call to serve and some have literally laid down their lives in service to their country. We do not have complete records of all who have lost their lives in all the wars; however, we do have record of two young men in World War II: viz., William Stuart Ward, May, 1945, and Charles Cadmon Blackmon, March 29, 1945. "Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is interesting to note that many churches trace their beginnings to a little Sunday School or prayer meeting group somewhere, perhaps meeting in a schoolhouse as a first gathering place. Such was the case with Galeed Church. The early history written by F. D. McLean, Sr. records that "soon after the building of the 'little log school house' in the late 1860's the good women of the community started a small Sunday School using only the Bible and the 'Blue Back Speller' as literature." As the Sunday School grew, Reverend R. M. Sessoms saw and used the opportunity to preach to this group once a month until the church was organized in 1876.

Sometimes the men seem to think that Sunday School is primarily for the women and children but often the old proverb comes to life "Great oaks from little acorns grow" and we see those little groups grow until they reach around the world for Christ. Sincere study and teaching of God's word always brings results - growth in Christian maturity and the desire to share the gospel with others.

Perhaps no other group of church workers have an influence as far-reaching as do the Sunday School teachers. Just about everyone remembers some teacher, or teachers, in their past with a special love and appreciation for having been an influence for good in their lives. More people in the local church are won to Christ through the efforts of some Sunday School teacher than in any other organization of the church and Bible study is continued there to develop the Christian to full maturity.

The F.D. McLean history of Galeed Chruch indicates that there was a Sunday School for some time before the church was organized; however, there are no definite written records on this. The minutes of the Sunday School Convention held at Western Prong Church, Columbus County, in September, 1877, shows that Galeed had a Sunday School. The Superintendent was C. W. Williams, there were thirty-four scholars, six teachers, with an average attendance of twenty-five. Delegates to that convention were: N. A. McLean, J. D. Callihan, C. M. McLean, F. P. Callihan, F. M. Lennon, K.A.S. McLean and D. F. Davis.

1878 – Sunday School Convention - Superintendent, D. Callihan - 35 scholars, 5 teachers, with average attendance of 30. Delegates: J. L. Kelly and A. F. Freeman

1881 – Sunday School Convention - Superintendent J. G. Freeman - 40 scholars, 5 teachers, 30 average attendance

1883 – Pastor R. M. Sessoms, Delegates: C. W. Williams, T. J. Freeman, W. Joe Ward, membership 130

1884 – Sunday School Convention - Superintendent, Snowden Hester - Delegate, J. M. Frink

1888 – Sunday School Convention - Superintendent, T. C. Hilburn - Delegates: C. G. Averitte and T. C. Hilburn

1892 – Sunday School Convention - Superintendent, T. C. Hilburn - membership 88, Delegates: A. E. Pait, H. C. Bridger and J. M. Kelly

An old Sunday School record book for 1895 shows J. M. Frink, Superintendent; J. G. Freeman, Jr., Musician; Miss Mary White, Treasurer; J. W. Wilson, Secretary; Miss M. E. Singletary, Miss E. D. Singletary, Miss Irene White, teachers, with 81 enrolled. Another record book for 1903 shows T. C. Hilburn, Superintendent; Cornelia M. Callihan, Florena Freeman, Sallie Callihan and Katie White, teachers, and enrollment 96. These two books may be seen in the historical exhibit of the church. In 1899, B. W. Spilman of the Baptist Sunday School Board offered to conduct a Sunday School Institute. The church accepted and it was held beginning February 1, 1899.

After the Bladen Baptist Association was formed in 1892, some additional records have been picked up from its minutes:

H. Frank Hilburn, Superintendent – 1892
James Monroe Frink, Superintendent – July, 1895

D. A. Singletary, Superintendent – September, 1895
Henry C. Bridger, Superintendent – 1895
T. C. Hilburn, Superintendent – 1904 and 1913 - 1919
F. Dayton McLean, Superintendent – 1920
George Lennon, Jr., Superintendent - 1922 - 1926

In the early church the classes were not as strictly divided by ages and met in groups in the one room building. The Adult Class was composed of both men and women, so the Bible Class teacher had about one-half the Sunday School. T. C. Hilburn, F. D. McLean, Sr. and George Lennon, Jr., gave long years of service to their classes. Later when the classes were divided, Willie Ward taught the Adult Men's Class for many years. In the Adult Women's Class, Mrs. Kate Kelly, Mrs. Maggie Singletary, Mrs. Mae Watterson and Mrs. Maude Frink taught. When the church was remodeled in 1923 and six classrooms were added. it was possible to update the organization and the six-point record system was adopted. This was a definite progressive step in the efficiency of the Sunday School and is still used today.

One important phase of Sunday School work in later years has been Vacation Bible School. This affords extra time for teaching the Bible, learning new hymns, sharing in handwork and often brings in new persons as prospects for Sunday School and church membership. Vacation Bible School commencement programs, with a picnic supper sometimes, have been something to look forward to through the years.

Our Vacation Bible School records are incomplete but it is known that in 1950 a young couple, student workers with the Baptist State Convention, came and conducted our first Vacation Bible School and the following year a young lady, also a student worker, came to us for Vacation Bible School, names not available. Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, conducted Vacation Bible School for several years. Some others known to have served as Vacation Bible School Principals are:

Mrs. H. C. Edwards
Mrs. Floyd Pait
Mrs. Graham Hester
Miss Susan Kelly
Mrs. Curtis Davis
Mrs. Johnny Deaver

We thank God for all the Christian workers who have invested their time and talents in the Sunday School work. It would be impossible to name all those who have faithfully supported the church leaders, each in his own place; however, our Lord knows each by name and may He continue to bless their lives with His loving Presence with them daily, both here on earth today and those who have passed to their eternal reward.

THE CHURCH TRAINING MINISTRY

At the close of His earthly ministry, Jesus gave to His disciples the Great Commission, which includes words of action – "Go . . . preach . . . baptize . . . teach"! He had spent thirty years of his life in training for the work He came to do and much of the remaining three years of His life was given to teaching and training others to serve after He had ascended back to His heavenly Father. How important it is to follow the example set by Christ Himself.

A call to serve is a call to prepare. Our Baptist forefathers realized in years past the need for a training organization. They organized the "Baptist Young People's Union" (BYPU) as an agency for the education and training of growing Christians. They had as their stated aim – "Training in church membership." Their motto was "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

It is interesting to note an item in the History of Bladen Associational WMU that in the annual session of October 3, 1922, the WMU voted to sponsor the BYPU in the Bladen Association, and to find in the minutes of the annual meeting a year later, held at Galeed Church, October 2, 1923, that the WMU reported sponsoring seven BYPU organizations, one of which was ours. It is recalled with regret that all pastors did not lend their support to the BYPU at first, describing it as only something to provide a "good time" for the young people. Perhaps they had not seen a good example of the BYPU in action but those churches who accepted and developed its potentials began to reap a harvest of better trained speakers and leaders within their membership. The name was later changed to Baptist Training Union as a clearer expression of its purpose to train church members of all ages.

Some of our older members remember Miss Louise Adams (Sandy Grove), Mr. Fred T. Nance (Hickory Grove), Miss Eunice Register (Clarkton) and Miss Gladys Melvin (Lisbon) as some of the faithful associational directors and leaders in the 1930's and 1940's. On one occasion a quartet from Galeed composed of Miss Maxine Davis, Miss Edith Lennon, Livious Lennon and J. Frink Freeman accompanied Mr. Fred T. Nance on a Sunday tour of churches in the upper edge of the county as he spoke in the interest of BTU. Miss Mabel Starnes was a state BTU leader at that time and spoke often in the churches at the Regional Conventions.

Though our records are incomplete, we know that there has been an active BYPU or BTU at Galeed for most of the years since its organization in 1922. Many Sunday School teachers and lay speakers often say they first learned to "stand on their feet" and speak in public in BTU.

During the middle years of our history we had active groups of all ages to participate in the Junior Memory Work and Intermediate Sword Drill, the Young People Better Speaker's Tournament and Adult Bible Readers Tournament in the association. On one occasion Miss Velma Ward (Pait) represented the Bladen Association in the Better Speakers Regional Tournament in Lumberton as she spoke on the topic, "The Value of a Life" and Mrs. J. F. Freeman was the Associational representative in the Adult Bible Reading Tournament using John 15: 8-15 the same year. Many church members have formed the very beneficial habit of Daily Bible Reading through the program outlined in BTU. Church doctrines have been emphasized in study courses and program material. On at least three separate occasions we have had "What Baptists Believe" taught in BTU by two of our deacons, Willie D. Ward, Livious B. Lennon and our pastor, Reverend Bruce Lanier.

At the present, we have all groups organized for Sunday night attendance. The Youth Group are often visiting in other churches for testimony and songs and the Adult Group have been engaged in Bible Study in selected books of the Bible led by the pastor.

While records in earlier years are incomplete the following are known to have served as Directors of BTU:

1922	Elery Lennon BYPU	1955	Levie Cain
1923	James Kelly BYPU	1956 - 57	Mrs. H. C. Edwards
1929	Hal Kelly	1958 - 59	Freddie G. Williams
1930	Mrs. J. F. Freeman	1960 - 62	Kenneth McKee
1938 - 40	Edward Humphrey	1963	Richard Bennett
1943	Dorothy Davis	1964 - 66	Mrs. Floyd Pait
1948	Mrs. Jabe Frink	1967	H. C. Edwards
1949	Mrs. J. F. Freeman	1968	Mrs. Rodney Lennon
1952	H. C. Edwards	1969 - 71	Mrs. Ruby Prevatte
1953	Velma Ward	1972	Mrs. Rodney Lennon
1954	Mrs. H. C. Edwards	1973 -	Joe Lennon

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The organization of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1888 did not mark the beginning of women's interest in missions, writes Miss Alma Hunt in her "History of WMU." It marked the time when Southern Baptist women rose above criticism and custom to undertake the work they felt they should and must do. They had begun their work in the great missionary awakening of the nineteenth century. "Female Praying Societies," "Mite Societies," "Dorcas Societies" and "Female Cent Societies" sprang up here and there and were the result of missionary impulses in hearts struggling for expression. In the early part of the century, women neither earned nor controlled money but they felt led to share their "egg and butter money" for missions and the appointed missionaries of the day, such as Luther Rice, Adoniram and Ann Judson as they served in India along with the great English missionary, William Carey.

Gradually these "mite societies" became more numerous and various states began to organize and support women missionaries who, by 1872, had been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board. Two of these in particular stand out in our minds today, Miss Edmonia Moon of Virginia and later, her sister, Miss Lottie Moon, whose urgent appeals for the work in China touched the hearts of women all over the South and as a result, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was begun. Numerous pages could be written about the work of Woman's Missionary Union but suffice it to say that God has truly blest the women's work as they have walked hand in hand together as "Laborers together with God."

For eighty-five years of the past century, our women at Galeed have walked "hand in hand" with those dedicated Christian women whose consecration and vision led them to want to be personally involved in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord: "Go . . . . preach . . . . teach. . . . make disciples of all nations."

The First Woman's Missionary Society at Galeed was organized by the pastor, the Reverend A. T. Howell, on December 14, 1890. A constitution was adopted and the preamble and first article read as follows:

"This Woman's Missionary Society preamble, ratified for the social and intellectual elevation of women, the result of Christianity and love, all for the hope of salvation, it inspires and impresses us with the importance of carrying to the homes and hearts of our oppressed and degraded sisters in other lands, that gospel which has done so much for us. We, the women of the Baptist Church of Galeed, desire to promote by our gifts and prayers to the accomplishments of this end, have associated ourselves together to be governed by the following constitutions:

1. The Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society."
2. Its chief object shall be to aid our missionaries and other helpers in foreign fields under the patronage of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who shall labor by the reading of God's word, and in other ways, to bring those benighted people to the knowledge of Jesus."

Other articles of the constitution not quoted here set forth the officers and their duties and specified that "the Society shall meet monthly and be opened with prayer, reading scriptures, singing hymns and other religious exercises. Any interesting information connected with this or other societies may be read."

The following officers were elected: President, Miss S. Della Singletary; Vice-president, Miss Monnie E. McLean; Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Singletary (Mrs. Haynes); Treasurer, Miss Irene M. White (Porter). Seven members were received in addition to the officers.

In the early minutes it is noted that the singing was led by Mr. Frank P. Callihan and prayers were offered by Mr. Timothy C. Hilburn. It seems that for some time the women were not completely on their own - perhaps the men felt that they needed a little masculine assistance; however, we come to see in some of the later years that the women often had to take the lead in mission efforts.

It is interesting to note that there were references to sending for various Foreign Missions Board objects to Mrs. J. A. Briggs, WMS Secretary, in Raleigh (1891) and reading of letters from Miss Fannie S. Knight from North China and from Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. The offerings were small (a total of $19.51 in 1891) but were often made at a sacrifice when we consider the economic conditions of the day.

Galeed seems to have been the first WMS organized in the Bladen Association. The minutes of 1903 record a report from Galeed WMS and in 1905 it was the only one given. The offerings that year totaled $33.30. Again in 1910 Galeed was listed along with three other churches with offerings amounting to $30.00. Bladen Associational WMU was organized November 5, 1914, at First Baptist Church, Bladenboro. The annual meeting met at Galeed in 1923 and this was the first time a state president, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, had met with the union. There were eight WMS's, one YWA and six Sumbeam Bands.

In 1922 Bladen Associational WMU was asked to furnish a room at Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem. Our women at Galeed responded to this with an offering and during later years sent offerings for bed linens etc.

During the "depression years" some unusual offerings were recorded. Evidently the ladies had planted a little cotton patch for WMS in 1927. Minutes record "proceeds from cotton projects - offering $52.01." "In 1926 they made a quilt for the orphanage." In 1931, all who were interested were "to set a hen and sell the baby chicks" and bring the money for the church debt. On another occasion, the minutes record that Mrs. Lucy Johnson gathered chickens from the various members who had donated them to sell at the local market for a special offering. As early as 1928 offerings to the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" are recorded. Later in 1936, Mrs. Maude Frink urged that the members give a hen to apply on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Any time a home burned in the community the "missionary ladies" gathered to "quilt a quilt." On one occasion they made a quilt for "Uncle" Wiley Lennon, an aged colored man who lived alone in the community. For many years the WMS ladies, working in groups each week, cleaned the church and used the money received for this service to include with their special offerings to Home, Foreign and State Missions each quarter.

"Mission Action," as we use the term today, was first called "Personal Service" and later "Community Missions." An emergency in the home, such as illness or accident, usually brought some personal service from the ladies of the church. Mrs. Maude Frink, a long time President of WMS, was especially active in the area of personal service and many homes benefited from her kindly assistance during illness. No words could have better described her life than those of the song "Others" - "Help me to live for others, that I may live like Thee." (Meigs)

It is impossible to record all the names of women of the WMS who gave of themselves in service and dedication through the years; however, we are listing below the Presidents as they have appeared in available records, and the records are incomplete:

Miss S. Della Singletary
Miss Irene White (Porter)
Mrs. Ida J. Callihan (F. P.)
Mrs. Cornelia Singletary (S. W.)
Mrs. Kate Kelly (John N.)
Mrs. Maggie Singletary (F. R.)
Mrs. Lucy L. Johnson (E. J.)
Miss Ethel White
Mrs. Mattie Lennon (George)
Mrs. Maude K. Frink (Spurgeon)
Mrs. Mary Lou Edwards (Luther)
Mrs. Hilda W. Edwards (Neil)
Mrs. Edna S. Kelly (Hal)
Mrs. Ruby H. Prevatte (Bunnie)
Mrs. Alice W. Frink (Jabe)
Mrs. Martha W. Frink (William)
Mrs. Edith L. Freeman (J. F.)
Mrs. Vickie C. Taylor (Harold)

These are those who have been responsible for the leadership of the women's work through the years but credit for everything accomplished is shared by each individual member as they worked together in the mission effort in the church.

As the WMS grew in the early years the women began to be interested in mission organizations for the young people and children. The first southwide Sunbeam Band was

organized in 1886. A Sunbeam Band is reported to have been organized by Mrs. Lydia Frink Humphrey as early as 1903 at Galeed. Some of the adults remember the little yellow "sunshine bags" for saving pennies for special offerings and tithing boxes from Mrs. Mattie Lennon's Sunbeam Band in the 1930's. A picture of one such group is included in the picture section of this booklet. Mrs. Clarice Lennon, Miss Maxine Davis and Mrs. Letha Barnes were later leaders of the Sunbeams. The title Sunbeams, was changed later to Mission Friends. Some leaders of Mission Friends have been - Mrs. Hester Williams, Mrs. Annie R. Powers. Mrs. Darlene Kelly, Mrs. Frances Kelly, Mrs. Mary Pait, Mrs. Elsworth Ward, Mrs. Florence Lennon, Mrs. Della Bennett and Mrs. Sue Lennon.

Available records show a Girl's Auxiliary organized in 1928. Some of the leaders were: Mrs. Katherine Davis Singletary, Mrs. Letha Barnes Vaught, Mrs. Edna Kelly and Mrs. Edith Freeman, who served about twenty years. Serving in later years were: Mrs. Esther Edwards, Mrs. Betty Frink, Mrs. Appie Cain, Mrs. Florence Ann Lennon, Mrs. Nolie M. Lennon, Mrs. Gladys Pait, Mrs. Irene A. Pait, Mrs. Sue E. Lennon, Mrs. Velma W. Pait, Mrs. Joyce Davis and Mrs. Ann Dove. What was known as Intermediate GA's is now called "Acteens." Miss Taressa Pait, Mrs. Della Bennett, Mrs. Virginia Davis and Mrs. Joyce Walters are now serving as Acteens leaders.

Some of the highlights through the years have been GA Coronation and Recognition Services. At one such service in 1964 Daphne McKee and Vickie Cain were crowned as Queens, Cathy Ward as Princess, with many others as Ladies - in - Waiting and Maidens. The Reviewing Council for the GA Forward Steps was Mrs. Ruby McKee, Mrs. Appie Cain and Mrs. Edith Freeman. In the 1950's our GA's and RA's participated for several years in the Associational GA and RA camps at White Lake. Mrs. Edith Freeman served as GA Counselor there for several sessions.

The RA's were sponsored by the WMU until 1957 when they went under the leadership of the Men's Brotherhood. Some of the early RA Leaders were Grover C. Frink, Mrs. Clarice Lennon and Mrs. Appie Cain. The history for later years is continued in the history of the Brotherhood.

Records show a Young Woman's Auxiliary as early as 1918 when Miss Mamie Hilburn was leader. Also leaders recorded in the 1920's are Miss Ethel White, Mrs. Kate Kelly and Mrs. F. R. Singletary. Miss Callie Ward was also one of the very faithful early leaders for several years. The YWA has not been active continuously since it was first organized; however, Mrs. Ada K. Bartley (B.A.) became leader in 1945 and it has been active constantly since that time. Mrs. Bartley has been most faithful through these years. She has led the girls in regular activities, taken them to Ridgecrest and Mundo Vista summer assemblies several times, planned their White Bible ceremonies and planned Mission Action and Community Missions projects. Even though the name has been changed to "Baptist Young Women," she is still "YWA" leader to many of our girls and younger women. (She has even seen some "second-generation" YWA'S.)

The Woman's Missionary Union has grown steadily through the years and now consists of seven organizations with a total membership of 92: Baptist Women, 41; Baptist Young Women, 15; Acteens, 17; Girls - In - Action, 11; Mission Friends, 8. The general meetings of the Baptist Women and the age-level organizations are held on Family Night (Wednesday following the third Sunday) with good programs and good attendance. The Weeks of Prayer are observed each year and the special offerings received this past year were:

Annie Armstrong (Home Missions) $404.00
Heck-Jones (N. C. Missionaries & Mundo Vista Assembly) $71.82
State Missions $539.38
Lottie Moon (Foreign Missions) $1,500.95

Offerings are sponsored by the WMU but are churchwide in contributions. The WMU and Brotherhood have planned for and supported several Schools of Missions at five-year intervals which have been a real source of blessing to the church. To have many

of our missionaries come into the church for these special services have made the mission causes more real to us, with a deepened interest in praying for and giving to these needs.

SUNBEAM BAND (About 1932): Bernard Frink, Lucille McKee, Esther Ward, Grace Wright, Ernest Lennon, Eugene Kelly, Laura Dell Lennon, Dewey Freeman, Worth Frink, Livy Kelly, Jr., Mrs. Mattie Lennon, Leader.

SUNBEAM BAND (About 1932): Livy Kelly, Jr., Esther Ward, Grace Wright, Bernard Frink, Ernest Lennon, Lucille McKee, Eugene Kelly, Kathleen Frink, Ola Grace Frink, Jabe Frink, Worth Frink, Cecil Elkins, Laura Dell Lennon, Marie McKee, Elma White, Corine Elkins, Hazel Kelly, Melba Hayes, Dorothy Davis, Elizabeth Lennon, Faye Frink, Mrs. Mattie Lennon, Leader.

GA'S (About 1938): Mary White, Virginia Brown, Elsie Frink, Melba Lennon, Ola Grace Frink, Laura Dell Lennon, Marie McKee, Hilda N. Frink, Margaret Lennon, Dorothy Davis, Fay Frink, Elizabeth Hester, Mary Margaret McLean, Minnie Ruth McKee, Miss Edith Lennon, Leader.

YWA'S in 1953: Velma Ward, Angelyn White, Louise Strickland, Mary Jane Freeman Hester White, Alice Pait, Grace Reaves, Annie Ruth Prevatte, Betty Faye Elkins, Erma Cain, Ada Bartley, Leader, Judy Edwards, Carol Strickland, Dorothy Strickland, Pauline McDonald, Irene Anderson, Hazel Ward, Evangeline Cain, Hilda Elkins.

GA CORONATION 1964: Larry Strickland, Crown Bearer; Cathy Ward, Princess; Vickie Cain, Queen; Daphne McKee, Queen.

THE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

The Baptist Brotherhood is a church program organization for involving all men and boys in the church in missions. Its objective is to support the church in its task of bringing men and boys to God through Christ by leading them to a deeper commitment to missions, to a more meaningful prayer life for missions, to a larger stewardship on behalf of missions and to a personal involvement in missions. Missions is what the church is and does to achieve its mission is all areas of human need in extending the gospel beyond the immediate congregation. Baptist Men is the name used to identify adults in the Brotherhood program. Royal Ambassadors is the name for that part of the Brotherhood through which the church provides a mission program for boys in grades 1-12. The RA's were sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union until 1957 when they were transferred to the Brotherhood program.

The first Brotherhood was organized at Galeed in 1957 with H. C. Edwards as the first president; B. A. Bartley, Vice-President and Membership Chairman; Wilbur Smith, Program Chairman; Jabe Frink, Activities Chairman; Levie Cain, RA Counselor; Livious B. Lennon, Secretary-Treasurer; Carlton Lennon, Song Leader.

The Baptist Men meet monthly on Family Night (Wednesday night after the third Sunday) along with the other mission organizations, with good programs and attendance. In the 1960's the Brotherhood Choir was active and often furnished music for the worship services. The choir has since been absorbed into the regular church choir; however, they still sing for Baptist Men's Day services as a group.

They have supported various church projects and, working along with the Men's Sunday School classes, provide teachers when scheduled at White Lake Correctional Center. Several members of the Brotherhood have brought the message at worship services in the church in the absence of the pastor, some of whom are: Richard Bennett, Jerry Lennon, Livious B. Lennon, Wilkes Elkins and James Dove. Several laymen have also served in this capacity in other churches. The Baptist Men have often planned and supported improvements to the church building and grounds and assisted in the maintenance of the grounds and cemetery.

The Brotherhood sponsors the Royal Ambassadors in the church and plans for their needs for program meetings and recreational facilities through the counselors. Records are incomplete but some who have been known to serve as RA counselors since the organization became a part of the Brotherhood are: Levie Cain, Oscar Barr, Freddie Williams, Eddie Lennon, Gene Powers, Graham Hester, Rodney Lennon, J. B. Kelly, Jr., Bobby Strickland, B. A. Bartley and J. M. Dove. Harold Taylor serves as Chairman of the RA Council. Some of the early leaders when the RA was sponsored by the WMU were: Grover C. Frink, Mrs. Clarice Lennon, Mrs. Appie Cain and Levie Cain. With Winston King and Michael Smith as coaches the RA's have won several trophies in local athletic tournaments. Uniforms and equipment have been purchased by the church.

THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Through the years, music has been an important part of individual and congregational worship. Biblical history includes numerous references to singing, playing of instruments and use of music in the worship of God. We have a priceless heritage in the hymns we sing. Much spiritual enrichment is to be derived from understanding and singing great hymns. The "ties that bind our hearts in Christian love" are never stronger than when people unite their voices in song, giving expression to the deepest feelings of their hearts.

Great hymns that have lived through the years are based on Biblical beliefs. What finer emphasis on the divine inspiration of the Bible than the great hymn, "Holy Bible, Book Divine"! Where can we find a more heart-warming message on the work of the Holy Spirit than in "Breathe on Me"! "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" presents in strict simplicity our belief that salvation is wholly of grace and that Christ through his death

and resurrection made full atonement for sin. How could we ever exist as Christians without the "Amazing Grace"? The beautiful relationship between Christ and His Church is set forth in the great old hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." Hundreds and thousands of lost people have surrendered their lives to the Lord while the congregation sang "Just As I Am" or "Only Trust Him." For more than two centuries Christian hearts have been lifted in praise and worship as they sang "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" or "Holy, Holy, Holy." Surely, the Music Ministry is highly important in any church.

Galeed has always been a "singing church." In the earliest beginnings, even before the purchase of any musical instrument, there was the hymn book which carried only the text, or words, of the hymn and the meter, which was read line by line to the congregation by the song leader. Then there were the "Fa - Sol - La" books which carried the upper half of the music staff with the melody notes. One such book which is in the Historical Exhibit display, belonged to Miss Amanda Lennon (later Mrs. William Pinckney Frink) as a young girl in 1856. Several older members, now deceased, have recalled how much they enjoyed gathering in her home for Sunday afternoon "singing" using this old book. Mr. Frank P. Callihan, one of the earlier song leaders, used a tuning fork to pitch the tune and the congregation sang a cappella.

The church minutes record an entry - "April 30, 1904 . . . T. J. Freeman and J. N. Kelly were appointed to assist in purchasing an organ . . ." The minutes of June 4, 1904 read". . . committee on purchasing an organ report an organ bought and cost of same – $85.00." The record of the first stated organists reads – "Sister Alice C. Singletary was appointed organist . . ." Older church members have said the Miss Singletary walked several miles to church and then pumped the organ (with the foot pedals), and also sang in clear ringing tones while she played. One can but wonder at and admire such fortitude, such dedication! Later when Miss Singletary married and left the community, Nettie Freeman (Mrs. Will H. Collier), Miss Flora Frink (Mrs. W. L. Fleming) and Miss Vannie Callihan served as organists. Miss Callihan became a charter member of the new First Baptist Church of Bladenboro in 1911, and was the first organist.

In 1913, the church voted to have a music school which was conducted by W. R. Cullom and his daughter, Florence. Many of the congregation learned to read the shaped notes and other rudiments of music as is taught in vocal music, which greatly improved congregational singing. Believing that he saw some promise in developing his voice by further training, Mr. Cullom encouraged one young man, J. Frink Freeman, to accompany him in music schools in other communities. Later he attended the Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music for a year and came back to serve at Galeed for more than forty years as Chorister and in singing groups.

About 1920, the church bought a piano and Miss Clara Freeman, a piano teacher in Bladenboro Schools, served as pianist. In 1923,when the church was remodeled and the auditorium was added, it included an elevated area across the front behind the pulpit rostrum, which was used for the choir and programs such as Children's Day and Christmas and Easter pageants. The section in the center was enclosed, for the choir and piano, by a three foot gold-finished rail with green velveteen curtains, but was later moved to the side with front rail only.

The first record of Children's Day exercise was in June, 1905. (They were always held the second Sunday in June.) It was an all-day dinner-on-the-grounds-event. The programs emphasized worship and praise and the beauties of nature and included recitations by individuals and groups. They sang such songs as "Open the Door for the Children," "Jesus Bids Us Shine," "Little Feet Be Careful," and "Jesus Loves Me." It was really something to "say a speech" at Children's Day! These exercises continued for many years until the children were given opportunity for public appearances and Bible teaching in the Vacation Bible Schools and seasonal pageants.

Miss Ethel White (Mrs. John Quick) served as church pianist during some of the later years of Children's Day and some of our middle-aged members remember her today with sincere appreciation. Miss Mamie Hilburn and Miss Florenna Freeman often played for prayer services.

The church records from 1918 to 1927 were lost by fire; however, reliable information indicates that Miss Clara Freeman continued to serve, until she went away to teach, followed by Miss Lizzie Lennon and Mrs. Currie F. Blackmon. Mrs. Letha Barnes (Mrs. L. T. Vaught) began as pianist around 1937 and served about ten years. Miss Kathleen Frink was also faithful to serve during this period. Mrs. J. F. (Edith) Freeman was elected and served about twenty years, followed by Miss Mary Thelma Freeman (Mrs. Broadus Hester). Mrs. Ruth Lennon (Mrs. Cade Lennon) and Miss Patsy Edwards (Mrs. Jimmy Bowman) served as assistants. Mrs. Irene Johnson and Miss Susan Kelly served as Sunday School pianists. Miss Betty Edwards, having first served as Sunday School pianist, was elected as church pianist in 1970 and remains in office at present, working faithfully with all the choirs. Miss Becky Lennon serves as assistant pianist and assistant organist. Miss Rachel Frink was elected organist in 1974 when the new organ was purchased. Several girls within the youth choir play for singing groups or individuals within the choir: Cheryl Lennon, Connie Lennon, Lee Anne Dove, Wanda Powers and Karen Powers.

All through the years there have been singing groups besides the regular choirs. Around 1914, there was a men's quartet composed of James M. Frink, Thomas J. Freeman, Frank P. Callihan and F. Dayton McLean. In the 1920's there was another quartet composed of Grover C. Frink, J. Frink Freeman, Carl E. Pait and W. Gaston Callihan. About 1932, a ladies' quartet was organized with Miss Stenza Lee Rogers (Collier), Miss Ruby Edwards (McKee), Miss Maxine Davis (Edwards) and Miss Edith Lennon (Freeman). In 1943, a men's quartet was organized consisting of W. Gordon Lennon, Livious B. Lennon, Edward Humphrey and J. Frink Freeman. Edward Humphrey later moved out of the community and was replaced by Levie C. Cain.

All of the young people who grew up in the 1940's, 50's and 60's will remember the Junior Choirs. Miss Rosalee Lennon (Clewis), Miss Betty Barnes and Mrs. Margaret Bennett served faithfully as leaders. It was good to hear those young voices ring out with "Everyday With Jesus," "Sunlight," "Into My Heart" etc. during Sunday School opening assembly.

In 1954, Miss Joan Davis, daughter of Pastor M. J. Davis, organized and directed a youth choir which continued to be active for several years. In 1956, Annie Ruth Prevatte (Powers) served. Miss Velma Ward (Pait) became director in 1962 and led in many special programs, Christmas and Easter pageants using this group. Mr. Richard Bennett also served as Youth Choir Director.

Many song leaders and choristers have served since the early beginnings of the church. The first known songleader was Frank P. Callihan, followed by J. Gilmore Freeman, Clayton Singletary, A. F. Freeman, J. F. Freeman, Carlton Lennon and Mrs. Margaret Bennett.

For several years Mrs. Edith Freeman faithfully served as pianist and most of the responsibility of the music of the church rested upon her shoulders. Mrs. Alice Frink came into the music department in 1967 and served until a Choir Director was elected. In 1968 Mrs. Velma Pait was elected choir director and established an adult choir and robes were purchased. She was followed by Mrs. Gene Powers, which brings us to the present choir groups. Jerry Lennon is director of the adult choir with Mrs. Thelma Cain as assistant director. Within this group there is a mixed quartet composed of Jerry Lennon, Mrs. Christine (Jerry) Lennon, Rodney Lennon and Richard Bennett. They furnish special music for church services and funerals and are often invited to sing in other churches. We enjoy solos by Mrs. Ann (James) Dove and Mrs. Thelma (Ken) Cain.

We also have a wonderful Youth Group (about thirty-five) which grew out of the Youth Choir under the leadership of Jerry Lennon and Richard Bennett. Their special singing and personal testimonies have been a great influence for good for the young people of this area and to other churches which they have been invited to visit. They have

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assisted other such groups in getting started and many lost people have been won to Christ through their efforts. We are grateful for them. Several young people within this group have expressed a desire to give their lives in full-time Christian service and we pray God's blessings on them as they prepare themselves and await His direction. A church bus was purchased last year and is often used as transportation for the group. Within the youth choir is a young quartet composed of Cheryl Lennon, Pamela Lennon, Wilton Lennon and Larry Dove.

We also have the older children's choir directed by Mrs. Thelma Cain with Mrs. Betty Bryan as pianist, and the younger children's choir with Mrs. Velma Pait as leader and Connie Lennon as pianist.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

In the vestibule of the sanctuary hangs a plaque which records the following memorials and special gifts to the church:

SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of

Spurgeon & Maude K. Frink
Communion Table

John N. & Catherine D. Kelly
Pulpit

E. Judson & Lucy L. Johnson
Clergy Pews

Mattie L. McKee
Baptistry Painting

Franklin D. Storms
Baptistry Drapery

PEWS

In Memory of

Charles C. Blackmon
Emma Stone Bridger
Henry C & Carrie Love Bridger
Dan & Mary C. Edwards
Joseph P. & Isabelle W. Freeman
James Malcolm Frink, Sr.
Callie Davis Mercer
D. Tim & Neala Callihan Pait
Ann Eliza Pait
Frank R. & Margaret J. Singletary
James & Mae W. Watterson

PEWS

Presented By

Oscar & Jewell L. Barr
Johnny & Margaret L. Bennett
Richard & Della W. Bennett
Levie C. Cain Family
Horace & Esther W. Edwards
John & Annie Merle W. Elam
Wilkes & Melba L. Elkins
J. Frink & Edith L. Freeman
Eugene & Frances M. Kelly
Gordon & Geneva G. Lennon
Winfred B. & Ruby Doris L. Johnson
J. Cade Lennon Family
Rodney & Florence C. Lennon
James & Marie M. Merritt
Eudell & Mary M. Pait
Floyd & Velma W. Pait
Levy & Gladys C. Pait
Henry H. & Vera T. Ward
James H. Ward & Homer Ward
Wilton G. & Elsworth Ward

William L. & Martha W. Frink
Building Site

Mary Lou B. Edwards
Tapestry - The Last Supper

OTHER SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of

Emma Stone Bridger
Pulpit Furniture (1945)

William Stuart Ward
Pulpit Bible

Cornelia C. Singletary
Silver Urn

Junius G. & Janie H. Freeman
Crystal Punch Bowl Set

Emma Stone Bridger Educational Fund
Bequest

Edward B. & Annie Mae Lewis
Sanctuary Wall Clock

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

In Memory of

Asa Edwin Pait – Sarah Edwards Pait
1854 - 1929 1864 - 1961

John N. Kelly – Catherine D. Kelly
1862 - 1939 1874 - 1966

Thomas J. Freeman – Jane Elizabeth F.
1856 - 1931 Freeman 1861-1936

George Lennon, Jr. – Mattie P. Lennon
1875 - 1933 1880 - 1959

Joseph C. Edwards – Maggie P. Edwards
1867 - 1951 1875 - 1935

Willie D. Ward – Alice L. Ward
1895 - 1959 1898 - 1964

Oscar M. White – William Oscar White
1887 - 1940 1937 - 1946

Luther W. Edwards
1880 - 1970

Fairley Cashwell
1889 - 1966

Grover C. Frink – Hannah L. Frink
1885 - 1945 1889 - 1960

In Honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Livy Kelly, Sr.

Presented by
The J. Cade Lennon Family

Many of the Baptist Hymnals in use in the sanctuary were given as memorials to loved ones and friends who had been faithful servants in the past.

THE CHURCH TODAY

BRUCE and ALMA LANIER

During the years since Reverend Bruce Lanier has been our pastor, and especially during the last six years, our church had grown not only in membership, but also in spirit. Under the ministry of this devout man of God, our people, both young and old, have developed a more Christ - like love for one another and for those still on the outside of the church.

We are truly thankful God saw fit to send Mr. and Mrs. Lanier to us because we have learned by their witness how to better walk close to Him who died and was resurrected for us. Our people truly love Mrs. Lanier, an example of love, her witness has deeply enriched our lives.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Bruce Lanier, Pastor, Richard Bennett, Chairman of Deacons, J. M. Dove, Sunday School Director, Joe Lennon, Church Training Director, Mrs. Ada Bartley, Treasurer, Mrs. Edith Freeman, WMU Director, L. B. Lennon, Brotherhood Director, Jerry Lennon, Music Director, Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers, Clerk.

DEACONS: Richard Bennett, Chairman, Bobby Lennon, Levie Cain, L. B. Lennon, Neil Edwards, Eugene Kelly, Carlton Lennon, Wilton Ward, J. M. Dove, Jerry Lennon, Rodney Lennon, Oscar Barr, James Merritt, B. A. Bartley, H. C. Edwards, Harold Taylor, Wilkes Elkins, Jabe Frink, Joe Lennon.

TRUSTEES: Jabe Frink, Jerry Lennon, Rodney Lennon

WMU COUNCIL: Mrs. Edith Freeman, Director, Mrs. Vickie Taylor, Baptist Women President, Mrs. Sue Lennon, Mission Friends Leader, Mrs. Della Bennett, Acteens Leader, Mrs. Ada Bartley, BYW Sponsor, Miss Gwenella Deavers, Associational Acteens Director, Mrs. Joyce Davis, GA Leader, Miss Taressa Pait, Acteens Director, Mrs. Virginia Davis, Acteens Leader, Mrs. Ann Dove, GA Leader.

BROTHERHOOD COUNCIL: L. B. Lennon, Director, Jabe Frink, President, Rodney Lennon, RA Leader, Oscar Barr, RA Leader, J. M. Dove, RA Leader, Bobby Lennon, RA Leader.

CHURCH SECRETARIES: Mrs. Ruby McKee, Recording, Mrs. Della Bennett, Literature, James Merritt, Church Training, Broadus Kelly, Jr. Sunday School.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Seated - Miss Rachel Frink, Organist, Mrs. Betty Bryan, Pianist, Mrs. Thelma Cain, Assistant Adult Choir, Jerry Lennon, Music Director, Miss Becky Lennon, Assistant organist and pianist.

ADULT CHOIR: Jerry Lennon, Director, Mrs. Jewel Lennon, Mrs. Thelma Cain, Mrs. Sue Lennon, Mrs. Joyce Davis, Mrs. Ruby McKee, Mrs. Christine Lennon, Mrs. Geneva Lennon, Miss Rachel Frink (organist), Mrs. Betty Bryan (pianist), Mrs. Edith L. Freeman, Mrs. Ann Dove, Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers, Mrs. Alice Frink, Mrs. Betty Frink, Mrs. Ada Bartley, Mrs. Jewell Barr, J. M. Dove, Edward Singletary, Mrs. Margaret Bennett, Mrs. Florence Lennon, Richard Bennett, Wilton Lennon, Rodney Lennon, Billy Parnell.

YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Travis Walters, Crystal Hester, Everette Green, Jolie Merritt, Lorna Powers, Greg Taylor, Greg Deaver, Edward Davis, Donnie Bennett, Jonathan Ransom, Alice Pait, Mrs. Velma Pait, Director.

OLDER CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Timothy Dove, Sherry Dove, Pam Ward, Mrs. Thelma Cain, Director, Greg Lennon, Wilma Davis, Twyla Taylor, Paula Pait.

YOUTH CHOIR: Mike Pait, Edward Singletary, Billy Parnell, Terry Dove, Bruce Ransom, Richard Bennett, Director, Jerry Lennon, Director, Tony Bullard, Betty Bryan, Sharon Hester, Becky Lennon, Kay Frink, Jennifer Davis, Lisa Ward, Tracy Powers, Andy Pait, Karen Powers, Connie Lennon, Steve Frink, Gwenella Deavers, Lee Anne Dove, Cathy Pait, Wanda Powers, Pam Lennon, Lorette Merritt, Larry Dove, Jackie Coleman, Jenel Strickland, Winston King, Wilton Lennon, Kenneth Edwards, Cheryl Lennon, Audrey Ransom, Linda Pait, Terry Wayne Carroll.

NURSERY: Melissa Bass, Keith Cain, Brandy Green, Andy Callihan, Adam McLaughlin, Julia Bennett, Jamie Deaver, Teachers, Mrs. Della Bennett, Mrs. Elsworth Ward, Mrs. Patsi Callihan.

BEGINNER NO I: Mrs. Velma Pait, Teacher, Mrs. Jo Lynn Ransom, Assistant, Everette Green, Greg Taylor, Crystal Hester.

BEGINNER NO II: Travis Walters, Alice Pait, Edward Davis, Miss Linda Pait, Teacher, Jonathan Ramson, Greg Deaver, Donnie Bennett.

YOUNGER CHILDREN: Mrs. Joyce Davis, Teacher, Lorna Powers, Jolie Merritt, Sheila Kinlaw, Tony Pait, Pam Ward, Shelton Edwards, Twyla Taylor, Thelma Kinlaw

OLDER CHILDREN-GIRLS: Wilma Davis, Miss Taressa Pait, Assistant Teacher, Kelly Pait, Paula Pait, Sherry Dove, (not pictured Mrs. Emily Frink, Teacher)

OLDER CHILDREN-BOYS: Mrs. Mary Jane Hester, Teacher, Broadus Hester, Jr., Mike Lennon, Michael Kelly, Timmy Walters, Miles Ransom, Brian Davis, Myron Davis, Timothy Dove.

YOUNGER YOUTH - GIRLS: Becky Lennon, Teacher, Cheryl Lennon, Assistant, Sarah Lennon, Pam Lennon, Lisa Ward, Tracy Powers, Lorette Merritt, Kay Frink, Jennifer Davis, Sonya Pait.

YOUNGER YOUTH - BOYS: Bobby Lennon, Teacher, John Kelly, Steve Frink, Tony Freeman, Andy Pait, Bruce Ransom, Larry Dove, Ashley Kelly, Kenneth Edwards, Wilton Lennon, Terry Dove, Greg Lennon.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS: Richard Bennett, Teacher, Jerry Lennon, Assistant, Tony Bullard, Wayne Hester, Sharon Hester, Becky Lennon, Randy Rogers, Rachel Frink, Billy Parnell, Betty Bryan, Jackie Coleman, Karen Powers, Deryl Hester, Connie Lennon, Gwenella Deavers, Lee Anne Dove, Cathy Pait, Wanda Powers, Becky Pait, Taressa Pait, Edward Singletary, Claudette Lewis, Mike Pait, Jenel Strickland, Donald Bryan, Winston King, Terry Wayne Carroll, Cheryl Lennon, Linda Pait, Audrey Ransom.

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YOUNG MARRIEDS: Chris Merritt, Teacher, Mark Frink, Assistant, Joe Lennon, Jewel Lennon, Thelma Cain, Ken Cain, Wilma Barr, Connie Edwards, Judy Merritt, Vickie Cain, Kathy Deaver, Dianne McLaughlin, Jo Ann Green, Eddie Lennon, James Edwards, Roger Merritt, Kenneth Cain, Johnny Deaver, Gary McLaughlin, Carson Green.

SUNSHINE CLASS: Mrs. Ann Dove, Teacher, Mrs. Florence Lennon, Assistant, Mrs. Gladys Pait, Mrs. Mary Jane Hester, Mrs. Sue Lennon, Mrs. Elsworth Ward, Mrs. Vickie Taylor, Mrs. Betty Frink, Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers, Mrs. Jo Lynn Ransom, Mrs. Carol Strickland, Mrs. Della Bennett, Mrs. Joyce Walters, Mrs. Patsi Callihan, Mrs. Frances Kelly, Mrs. Joyce Davis, Mrs. Mildred Kinlaw, Mrs. Christine Lennon, Mrs. Virginia Davis.

YOUNG ADULT MEN: Levie Cain, Teacher, Jabe Frink, Assistant, Alex Callihan, Floyd Pait, Homer Lynn Ward, Levy Pait, Bobby Lennon, Gene Powers, Jerry Lennon, Malcolm Frink, Jr., Grady Freeman, Oscar Barr, Harold Taylor, Gene Kelly, Gerald Walters, Allen Davis, Wilton Ward, Richard Bennett, Carlton Lennon, Bruce Ransom, Rodney Lennon, J. M. Dove.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: Mrs. Ruby McKee, Teacher, Mrs. Ada Bartley, Assistant, Mrs. Marie Merritt, Mrs. Maxine Edwards, Mrs. Estelle Johnson, Mrs. Lily Storms, Mrs. Irene Johnson, Mrs. Alice Frink, Mrs. Lena Jane Smith, Mrs. Edith Freeman, Mrs. Mary Pait.

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ADULT LADIES: Mrs. Alma Lanier, Teacher, Mrs. Margaret Bennett, Assistant, Mrs. Sudie McDonald, Mrs. Naomi White, Mrs. Lillon Brown, Mrs. Daisy Freeman, Mrs. Idell White, Mrs. Mary Lou Edwards, Mrs. Melba Elkins, Mrs. Hilda Edwards, Mrs. Nolie Lennon, Mrs. Josephine Merritt, Mrs. Annie Singletary, Mrs. Jewell Barr, Mrs. Vera Ward, Mrs. Celia Cashwell, Mrs. Thelma Lennon, Mrs. Esther Edwards, Mrs. Mary Thelma Hester, Mrs. Velma Pait, Mrs. Darlene Kelly, Mrs. Geneva Lennon, Mrs. Appie Cain.

ADULT MEN: C. O. Mercer, L. B. Lennon, Teacher, Henry Ward, R. L. Edwards, Bernis Bartley, Howard Edwards, Wilkes Elkins, Duncan McLean, James Merritt, Neil Edwards, Paul Johnson.

FIRST KNOWN ROLL – 1885

MALE MEMBERS

J. Gilmore Freeman
H. Frank Hilburn
David Callihan
Snowden Hester
D. James Callihan
Frank P. Callihan
D. A. Callihan
A. D. Callihan
Rufus M. Hilburn
S. H. Hilburn
David H. Hilburn
Monroe Singletary
Dennis Lennon
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Henry Pittman
Phillip Ward
W. Gilmore Ward
G. B. Byrd
Issac F. Hilburn
Amsey Hilburn
J. Pink Freeman
R. C. Hester
J. Calvin Edwards
J. H. Arnold
Charles Ward
Timothy C. Hilburn
Simpson Hilburn
George L. Callihan
James M. Frink
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W. Ross Davis, Jr.
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John H. Thompson, Sr.
Joseph Thompson
Thomas J. Freeman
Pearl L. Callihan
Andrew Brown
W. S. (Bill) White
A. Ed Pait
Frank R. Singletary
J. R. Singletary
D. T. Sykes
A. James Kelly
John Stubbs
Samuel Merritt
William Gooden
John N. Kelly
W. A. Davis
Duncan W. McLean, Sr.
W. E. Kelly
Dillon A. Butler
C. A. Singletary
C. R. Gooden
W. H. Sykes

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Sallie Hilburn
I. A. G. Lennon
Florence E. Freeman
Flora Ellen Lennon
Delia F. Singletary
Sarah E. Pait
Anna M. White
Cornelia M. Callihan
Fannie A. Hilburn
E. Isabella Hester
Sarah A. Singletary
Sarah A. Lennon
Ava Singletary
Harriet Singletary
Vilena L. Pait
Ruth Ward
Sarah Ward
Susan Edwards
Edy Davis
Sally Pait
Harriet M. Callihan
Sarah J. Callihan
Susan E. Callihan
Amanda Williams
Sarah C. Callihan
Addie Matilda Singletary
Amanda Ward
Harriet Faircloth
Lucy Sykes
O. R. Hilburn
Elizabeth White
Florence C. Hester (Shaw)
Cora Hester (Davis)
L. J. Freeman
Renna Thompson
Hannah A. Bullard
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Rebecca Shipman
Zilpha J. Brown
Lucy J. Kelly
Eliza L. Kelly (Davis)
L. C. Singletary
Allis Brown
Clemmie Singletary
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Harriet J. Pait
Anna M. Johnson
M. E. Davis
Mary R. Davis
E. C. Kelly
E. J. Singletary
L. L. Singletary
S. D. Singletary
M. E. Singletary
Nanthy Singletary
S. Florence Pait - Smith
Ann Eliza Pait
Sarah C. Callihan (Jr.)
Jane E. Freeman
Lucy C. Hilburn
Mary A. Butler
Mary D. Callihan
Mary Ward

CHURCH ROLL – 1938 - 1945

MALE MEMBERS

Aubet, Charles
Bartley, Bernis A.
Bennett, Johnnie
Blackmon, Charles
Bullock, Franklin
Cain, F. D.
Cain, Levie
Callihan, G. E.
Cashwell, Fairley
Clark, Frank
Davis, B. M. Jr.
Davis, White
Duncan, D. G.
Edwards, Howard
Edwards, J. C.
Edwards, J. Ray
Edwards, L. W.
Edwards, Neil
Edwards, S. Don
Edwards, Willie
Elkins, Bradley
Elkins, Cecil
Freeman, A. F.
Freeman, Clayton
Freeman, Clyde
Freeman, Dewey
Freeman, Elbert
Freeman, Grad
Freeman, Horace
Freeman, J. F.
Freeman, J. Pink
Frink, Bernard
Frink, Eby
Frink, G. C.
Frink, J. C.
Frink, Jabe
Frink, Malcolm, Sr.
Frink, Malcolm, Jr.
Frink, Robert Neil
Frink, Spurgeon
Frink, William L.
Ganous, Bonnie
Haywood, E. W.
Haywood, Robert, Jr.
Hedgpeth, Roy
Hester, Tom F.
Hilburn, Curtis
Hilburn, Durham
Hilburn, Simpson
Hilburn, Timothy C.
Huggins, Lee
Humphrey, Earl
Humphrey, Edward
Humphrey, Gilbert
Humphrey, John
Jackson, M. B.
Jackson, Milton, Jr.
Johnson, E. J.
Johnson, Harold Rudolph
Kelly, Eugene
Kelly, Hal
Kelly, Harvey N.
Kelly, James
Kelly, John, Jr.
Kelly, J. N.
Kelly, Livy
Lennon, Gordon
Lennon, J. Cade
Lennon, Joseph Carlton
Lennon, John D.
Lennon, John M.
Lennon, Livious B.
Lennon, Luther D.
Lennon, Myers
Long, B. Gladstone
Merritt, James
McDonald, Merle
McKee, Luther
McKee, Rudolph
McKee, Odell
McLean, Duncan
McLean, D. H.
McLean, F. D. Jr.
Pait, Carl E.
Pait, D. Tim
Pait, Eudell
Pait, Henry
Pait, Harley H.
Pait, Hubbard
Pait, J. T.
Pait, Norman
Pait, Tracy
Pait, Wilton
Pittman, Bennie
Pope, Edgar
Pope, Graham
Pope, Henry
Powers, W. P.
Rogers, T. M. Jr.
Shipman, L. B.
Shipman, W. D.
Simmons, C. F.
Singletary, Angus
Singletary, Dennis
Singletary, F. R.
Singletary, Harley
Singletary, Harold
Singletary, Lester
Smith, Eugene
Storms, Gordon
Storms, Marvin
Thompson, John
Ward, James H.
Ward, Henry
Ward, Willie D.
Ward, William Stuart
Ward, Wilton
Watterson, Charlie
White, Acie
White, Archie D.
White, D. H.
White, James C.
White, Hutchinson
White, Lacy
White, Livie
White, Oscar M.
White, Ottis
Woodlief, Jack
Wright, Asa
Wright, William
Wright, W. K.

FEMALE MEMBERS

Barnes, Miss Betty Lou
Barnes, Mrs. Letha
Batten, Mrs. Grace
Bennett, Mrs. Margaret
Blackmon, Mrs. Currie
Broome, Mrs. Essie W.
Brown, Mrs. Mattie L. M.
Bryant, Mrs. Daisy
Bryant, Mrs. Lela
Cain, Mrs. Appie
Cain, Miss Clara
Cain, Mrs. Emma
Cain, Miss Jo Ann
Callihan, Mrs. Esther
Callihan, Miss Lettie
Callihan, Mrs. Nettie
Campbell, Miss Lois
Carter, Miss Eliza
Cashwell, Mrs. Celia
Clark, Mrs. Esther
Collier, Mrs. Stenza Lee
Conner, Miss Dorcas
Davis, Miss Catherine
Davis, Miss Dorothy
Davis, Mrs. Katie
Davis, Miss Mary
Davis, Miss Maxine
Davis, Mrs. Ottie Belle
Deaver, Miss Fannie
Deaver, Miss Sudie
Edwards, Mrs. Hilda W.
Edwards, Miss Irene
Edwards, Miss Lula
Edwards, Mrs. Mary Lou
Edwards, Mrs. Vivian
Elkins, Miss Elsie
Elkins, Mrs. Mary E.
Ellis, Mrs. Edie K.
Flowers, Mrs. Lillian
Freeman, Miss Betty
Freeman, Miss Clara

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Freeman, Mrs. Daisy
Freeman, Mrs. Daisy Edith L.
Freeman, Miss Doris
Freeman, Mrs. Dorothy
Freeman, Miss Florena
Freeman, Miss Hilda
Freeman, Mrs. Isabell
Freeman, Mrs. Mamie
Freeman, Miss Mary Jane
Frink, Miss Eva Kathleen
Frink, Miss Faye
Frink, Mrs. Hannah
Frink, Miss Hilda N.
Frink, Mrs. Lillian
Frink, Mrs. Maude
Frink, Miss Ola Grace
Ganous, Mrs. Addie
Hayes, Mrs. Alma
Hayes, Miss Athal
Hayes, Miss Melba
Haywood, Miss Elsie F.
Haywood, Miss Lena M.
Hedgepeth, Mrs. Edith
Hester, Mrs. Lois
Holton, Miss Kittie
Huggins, Mrs. Amanda
Huggins, Miss Lois S.
Humphrey, Mrs. Caroline
Humphrey, Miss Frances
Humphrey, Miss Louise
Humphrey, Miss Thetus
Ivey, Mrs. Piercy
Jackson, Miss Neva
Johnson, Miss Dorothy
Johnson, Mrs. Ella S.
Johnson, Mrs. Estelle
Johnson, Mrs. Lucy
Kelly, Miss Ada
Kelly, Mrs. Dora T.
Kelly, Miss Hazel
Kelly, Mrs. Kate
Kelly, Miss Mary Ann
Kelly, Mrs. Mary
Lennon, Miss Elizabeth
Lennon, Miss Evelyn
Lennon, Mrs. Frankie
Lennon, Miss Hilda
Lennon, Mrs. Geneva
Lennon, Mrs. Ina
Lennon, Miss Jewel
Lennon, Miss Laura Dell
Lennon, Mrs. Mattie
Lennon, Miss Melba
Lennon, Miss Maitland
Lennon, Mrs. Ruth R.
Little, Mrs. Myrtle
McDonald. Miss Ida Mae
McDonald, Miss Lucille
McKee, Mary M.
McKee, Miss Mattie Lee
McKee, Mrs. Ruby
McKee, Miss Sallie Marie
Mercer, Miss Callie
Mercer, Miss Louise
Merritt, Mrs. Marie M.
Miller, Mrs. Norma
Mitcham, Mrs. Katie
Munce, Mrs. Naomi
Pait, Miss Annie Eliza
Pait, Mrs. Bertha
Pait, Mrs. Beulah
Pait, Mrs. Carrie
Pait, Mrs. Florence
Pait, Miss Lena Jane
Pait, Miss Roma
Pait, Miss Virginia
Pervine, Miss Lucille
Pervine, Miss Minnie
Pittman, Mrs. Letha
Pittman, Mrs. Penny
Pope, Miss Christine
Quick, Mrs. Ethel
Rogers, Mrs. Bessie
Russ, Mrs. Lela
Singletary, Mrs. Annie
Singletary, Mrs. Eliza Caroline
Singletary, Mrs. F. R.
Singletary, Mrs. Ressie
Singletary, Miss Stella Mae
Skipper, Miss Rosa Lee
Smith, Mrs. Eugene
Smith, Mrs. Bessie
Storms, Miss Louphelia
Storms, Miss Mildred
Storms, Miss Sara Lee
Skyes, Mrs. Lizzie
Thompson, Miss Johnsie
Ward, Mrs. Alice
Ward, Miss Callie
Ward, Miss Esther
Ward, Miss Hazel
Ward, Miss Hilda
Ward, Mrs. Pauline
Ward, Miss Tillie Ruth
Ward, Miss Velma
Watterson, Mrs. Mae
White, Miss Angelyn
White, Miss Beulah
White, Miss Elma
White, Miss Emma
White, Miss Hester
White, Mrs. Idell
White, Miss Julia
White, Miss Mary Etta
White, Mrs. Naomi
Woodlief, Mrs. Jack
Wright, Mrs. Ellen
Wright, Miss Elma
Wright, Miss Eunice
Wright, Miss Marjorie
Wright, Miss Maxine
Wright, Miss Virgie
Wright, Mrs. W. K.

GALEED BAPTIST CHURCH
1976 – Church Roll

Allen, Ruth
Anderson, Dalton
Aubet, Charles
Barnes, Calvin Eugene (Gene)
Barr, Gene Franklin (Gene)
Barr, Jewell Lennon (Jewell)
Barr, Oscar Franklin (Oscar)
Barr, Wilma Ray Bowen (Wilma)
Bartley, Ada Grace Kelly (Ada)
Bartley, Bernis A. (Bernis)
Bass, Randall Lee (Randy)
Bass, Sharon Suzette Pait (Sharon)
Bennett, Della Sandra Woodard (Della)
Bennett, Ira Margaret Lennon (Margaret)
Bennett, Johnnie Leonard (Johnnie)
Bennett, Johnny Richard (Richard)
Bordeaux, Joyce Yarborough (Joyce)
Bozeman, Barbara
Bradshaw, Tammy Lee Pait (Tammy)
Brisson, Dellie
Brisson, Dewey Lawrence (Dewey)
Brisson, Edward Lee (Edward)
Brisson, Esther Russ (Esther)
Brisson, Zona Gale Merritt (Zona)
Brown, Lillon Shepherd (Lillon)
Bryan, Betty Jane Edwards (Betty)
Bryan, Donald Wayne (Donald)
Bryan, Donnie Gray (Donnie)
Bryant, Daisy
Bryant, Thomas Allen (Tommy)
Bullard, John Anthony (Tony)
Burney, Earl Colon (Earl)
Burney, Ida Mae McDonald (Ida Mae)
Cain, Annie Ruth
Cain, Appie Victoria Watterson (Appie)
Cain, Bobby
Cain, Kenneth Marshall (Kenneth)
Cain, Kenneth Ray (Ken)
Cain, Levie Clarence, Sr. (Levie)
Cain, Thelma Christine Austin (Thelma)
Cain, Vickie Lewis (Vickie)
Callihan, Andrew Alex (Alex)
Callihan, Betty Jean Pait (Betty)
Callihan, Elisa Laray (Lisa)
Callihan, Patsi Prease (Patsi)
Callihan, Rebecca Louise Register (Louise)
Carroll, Terry Wayne
Cashwell, Celia White (Celia)
Clark, Doris Freeman (Doris)
Clark, John Preston Jr. (John)
Clark, John Preston III (John)
Clewis, Layton Gregory (Greg)
Coleman, Jackie Lynn (Jackie)
Connor, Dorcas
Davis, Allen
Davis, Brian Lee (Brian)
Davis, Jennifer Faye (Jennifer)
Davis, Joyce Dell Bridgeman (Joyce)
Davis, Mary
Davis, Myron Jerome (Myron)
Davis, Sarah Wilma (Wilma)
Davis, Virginia Faye Snipes (Virginia)
Davis, Walter Chaston (Walter)
Davis, White
Deaver, Eula Gwendolyn Fields (Gwen)
Deaver, James Lonnie (James)
Deaver, John Lynn (Johnny)
Deaver, Kathy Joyce Bennett (Kathy)
Deaver, Sudie
Deavers, Gwenella Rosnez (Gwenella)
Dove, Ava Lynn (Ava)
Dove, Helen Ann Pope (Ann)
Dove, James McRae (Jim)
Dove, Larry Gene (Larry)
Dove, Lee Anne
Dove, Sherry Lynn (Sherry)
Dove, Timothy Rae (Timothy)
Eason, Cathy Jo Merritt (Cathy)
Eason, Larry Jerome (Larry)
Edwards, Andy Stuart (Andy)
Edwards, Connie Faye Bryan (Connie)
Edwards, Emily Maxine Davis (Maxine)
Edwards, Esther Jane Ward (Esther)
Edwards, Francis Luther (Francis)
Edwards, Fredrick Allen (Allen)
Edwards, Hilda Wooten (Hilda)
Edwards, Horace Corneilous (H. C.)
Edwards, Howard
Edwards, James Anderson (Jimmy)
Edwards, James Monroe (James)
Edwards, Jesse Ray (Ray)
Edwards, John Neil (Neil)
Edwards, John Neil Jr. (John)
Edwards, Kenneth Corneilous (Kenneth)
Edwards, Lottie Leola Watts (Lee)
Edwards, Marcelle
Edwards, Mary Lou Brown (Mary Lou)
Edwards, Maurice Allen (Maurice)
Edwards, William Allen (William)
Elkins, Betty Faye
Elkins, Braddy Jr.
Elkins, Doris
Elkins, Edith
Elkins, Hilda Ruth
Elkins, Melba Lennon (Melba)
Elkins, Ruth Connor (Ruth)
Elkins, Wilkes
Freeman, Daisy Edith Lennon (Edith)
Freeman, Daisy Singletary (Daisy)
Freeman, Dewey
Freeman, Dianne Powers (Dianne)
Freeman, Elbert Clyde (Clyde)
Freeman, Grady Fletcher (Grad)
Freeman, Grady Fletcher Jr. (Grady)
Freeman, Tony Lee (Tony)
Frink, Alice Rachel Wilson (Alice)

Frink, Betty Lou Hedgepeth (Betty)
Frink, Beverly Kay (Kay)
Frink, Emily Ruth Johnson (Emily)
Frink, Gary Mitchell (Gary)
Frink, Hilda Nemorma (Hilda)
Frink, Jabe Thomas (Jabe)
Frink, James Malcolm Jr. (Jim)
Frink, Lillian Shaw (Lillian)
Frink, Lynda Sue (Lynda)
Frink, Mark Thomas (Mark)
Frink, Rachel Jane (Rachel)
Frink, Robert Neal
Frink, Stephen Craig (Steve)
Gooden, Jesse Lee (J. L.)
Graves, Patsy Burney (Patsy)
Green, Joanne Wells (Joanne)
Green, William Carson (Carson)
Guyton, Michael Hershel (Mike)
Haywood, Robert Jr.
Hester, Broadus Fred (Broadus)
Hester, Grady Deryl (Deryl)
Hester, Graham
Hester, Graham Wayne (Wayne)
Hester, Mary Jane Freeman (Mary)
Hester, Mary Thelma Freeman (Thelma)
Hester, Sharon Kay (Sharon)
Hill, Peggy Joyce (Peggy)
Hughes, Mary Rose Elkins (Mary Rose)
Johnson, Estelle Wade (Estelle)
Johnson, Irene Edwards (Irene)
Johnson, Paul Gillespie (Paul)
Jones, Jean
Kelly, Eugene Ashley (Eugene)
Kelly, Frances McKeithan (Frances)
Kelly, Horace Edgar (Horace)
Kelly, John Broadus Jr. (Broadus)
Kelly, John Broadus III (Johnny)
Kelly, Mary Darlene Ward (Darlene)
King, Winston Angus (Winston)
Kinlaw, Mary Mildred Pait (Mildred)
Kinlaw, Sheila Ann (Sheila)
Kinlaw, Thelma Jean (Thelma)
Lambert, Ethel
Lambert, Jim W.
Lanier, Alma Perritt (Alma)
Lanier, Bruce William (Bruce)
Lennon, Bobby Ray (Bobby)
Lennon, Cheryl Lee (Cheryl)
Lennon, Connie Sue (Connie)
Lennon, Florence Ann Callihan (Florence)
Lennon, Geneva Sara Jane Gooden (Geneva)
Lennon, Helen Christine Brown (Christine)
Lennon, James Gregory (Greg)
Lennon, James Rodney (Rodney)
Lennon, Jerry Wilton Jr. (Wilton)
Lennon, Jerry Wilton Sr. (Jerry)
Lennon, Jewell Dale Rowland (Jewell)
Lennon, Joseph Carlton (Carlton)
Lennon, Joseph Mitchell (Joe)
Lennon, Joseph Mitchell (Mitchell)
Lennon, Laura Dell
Lennon, Lillie Sue Edwards (Sue)
Lennon, Livious Bunyan (Livious)
Lennon, Michael Bobby (Mike)
Lennon, Myers
Lennon, Nolie Catherine Mercer (Nolie)
Lennon, Pamela Sue (Pam)
Lennon, Rebecca Jane (Becky)
Lennon, Roger Dale (Roger)
Lennon, Sarah Elizabeth (Sarah)
Lennon, Thelma Lee Hester (Thelma)
Lewis, Hazel Claudette (Claudette)
Little, Daphne Elizabeth McKee (Daphne)
Little, Myrtle Taylor (Myrtle)
Lovin, William
Lupo, Ricky Brisson (Ricky)
Mallott, Joyce Ann Pait (Joyce Ann)
Matheson, Stephen Daniel (Steve)
Merritt, Christopher Columbus (Chris)
Merritt, James Eric (James)
Merritt, Josephine Barr (Josephine)
Merritt, Judith Raye Hickman (Judith)
Merritt, Martha Lorette (Lorette)
Merritt, Sallie Marie McKee (Marie)
Merritt, Roger Dale (Roger)
McDonald, Sudie Freeman (Sudie)
McKee, Ruby Elizabeth Edwards (Ruby)
McLaughlin, Diane Pait (Diane)
McLaughlin, Gary Robin (Gary)
McLean, Clarence Dewey (Clarence)
McLean, Duncan
McLean, Ellen Britt (Ellen)
McLean, Francis Dayton, Jr. (F. D.)
McLean, Melvin Henry (Melvin)
McLean, Milton Silas (Milton)
McLean, Robert Duncan (Robert)
Nance, James Robert (Jimmy)
Nance, Rebecca Wade Johnson (Becky)
Outlaw, Lena Mae
Pait, Almira Evans
Pait, Beulah Hester (Beulah)
Pait, Carl Anderson (Andy)
Pait, Carl Hubbard (Hubbard)
Pait, Charles Camden (C. C.)
Pait, Cathy Deloris (Cathy)
Pait, Eudell
Pait, Floyd Paul (Floyd)
Pait, Gladys Cashwell (Gladys)
Pait, Irene Anderson (Irene)
Pait, James Thomas (J. T.)
Pait, Joseph Ronald (Joe)
Pait, Kelly Sue (Kelly)
Pait, Levy Willard (Levy)
Pait, Linda Joy (Linda)
Pait, Mary Isabel Russ (Mary)
Pait, Michael Hubbard (Mike)
Pait, Norman
Pait, Paula Ann (Paula)
Pait, Rebecca Lynne (Becky)
Pait, Sonya Cynee (Sonya)
Pait, Taressa LaRae (Taressa)
Pait, Tony Craig (Tony)
Pait, Velma Ann Ward (Velma)
Pait, Woodrow Woodburn (Woodrow)

Parnell, Billy Franklin (Billy)
Paust Karon
Pirkle, Andrew Craig (Andy)
Pirkle, Kenneth French (Kenneth)
Pirkle, Kenneth I. (Kenneth)
Pirkle, Lucille McDonald (Lucille)
Pope, Christine
Pope, Woodrow
Powers, Annie Ruth Prevatte (Annie Ruth)
Powers, Gene Harold (Gene)
Powers, Karen Ann (Karen)
Powers, Lorna Jessica (Lorna)
Powers, Tracy Lynne (Tracy)
Powers, Wanda Jeanne (Wanda)
Ranson, Audrey Lynn (Audrey)
Ransom, Jo Lynn McKee (Jo Lynn)
Ransom, Lewis Miles (Miles)
Ransom, William Bruce Jr. (Bruce)
Ransom, William Bruce, Sr. (Bruce)
Rogers, Randy Joe (Randy)
Russ, Charles Edwin (Charles)
Russ, Lela
Savage, Philip
Singletary, Angus
Singletary, Annie Barr (Annie)
Singletary, Edward Brate Jr. (Edward)
Singletary, Harley
Singletary, Harold
Singletary, Katherine Davis (Katherine)
Skipper, Eugene
Smith, Mrs. Gene
Smith, Lena Jane Pait (Lena Jane)
Smith, Michael Hilary (Michael)
Smith, Ruby Grey (Ruby)
Storms, Ann
Storms, James Gordon (Gordon)
Storms Lillie Edwards (Lillie)
Strickland, Bobbie Jenel (Jenel)
Strickland. Carol Elizabeth Cain (Carol)
Strickland, Larry Richard (Larry)
Strickland Paula Cumbee (Paula)
Stuart, Wade
Taylor, Harold Wayne (Harold)
Taylor, Twyla Lynn (Twyla)
Taylor, Vickie Gail Cain (Vickie)
Thompson, Ada Lynn
Thompson, Maitland Lennon (Maitland)
Thompson, Mildred Ann Elkins (Millie Ann)
Todd, Esther
Tysinger, Lois Nance (Lois)
Walters, Emma Joyce McLean (Joyce)
Ward, Alice Elsworth Long (Elsworth)
Ward, Connie Sue (Connie)
Ward, Elva Lee Hudson (Elva Lee)
Ward, Henry Homer (Henry)
Ward, Homer Lynn (Homer)
Ward, James Stanley (Stanley)
Ward, Miriam Lisa (Lisa)
Ward, Vera Thompson (Vera)
Ward, Wilton Glenn (Wilton)
Welles, Edith Johnson (Edith)
White, Emma
White, Idell Ward (Idell)
White, Macie Freeman
White, Naomi Ruth Hester (Naomi)
Williams,Freddie Gordon (Freddie)
Williams, Kizzie Hester White (Hester)
Willis, Maxine Wright (Maxine)
Wright, Annie Bell Pait
Wright, Pauline

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - 1951: Annette Storms, Joyce Lennon, Ruby Lee West, Ann Davis, Mattie Beth Freeman, Jo Lynn McKee, Sue Edwards, Janice Davis, Connie Wall, Florence Callihan, Darlene Ward, Velma Cain, Daisy Anderson.

VBS Intermediate Class Social 1953: Flenna Mae Strickland, Joyce Lennon, Darlene Ward, Sue Edwards, Florence Callihan, Esther Thompson, Edith Elkins, Millie Ann Elkins, Melva Strickland, Alex Callihan, Jerry Lennon, Levie Cain, Jr., George Franklin Lennon, Mattie Beth Freeman, Jo Lynn McKee, Ann Davis, Darius Savage, Jimmy Callihan, Kenneth McKee, Broadus Kelly, Jr., Maurice Edwards, Bobby Lennon.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1876	34
1877	40
1878	75
1879	84
1880	86
1881	90
1882	106
1883	130
1893	193
1903	171
1913	177
1923	194
1933	210
1943	265
1953	269
1963	264
1973	264
1974	277
1975	288
1976	310

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Year	Enrollment	Principals
1949	70	
1950	86	Mrs. H. C. Edwards
1957	111	Mrs. H. C. Edwards
1958		Mrs. H. C. Edwards
1959	111	Mrs. H. C. Edwards
1960		Mrs. H. C. Edwards
1961	94	Mrs. Floyd Pait
1962	72	Mrs. Graham Hester
1963	103	Mrs. Graham Hester
1964	117	Mrs. Graham Hester
1965		Mrs. Graham Hester
1966	92	Mrs. Graham Hester
1967	106	Mrs. Graham Hester
1968	78	Mrs. Graham Hester
1969	74	Mrs. Graham Hester
1970	71	Mrs. Graham Hester
1971	65	Mrs. Floyd Pait
1972		Miss Susan Kelly
1973		Miss Susan Kelly
1974		Mrs. Curtis Davis
1975		Mrs. Johnny Deaver
1976	86	Mrs. Johnny Deaver

Recording Secretaries

Mrs. Oscar White
Mrs. Irene Johnson
Mrs. Luther McKee

DEACONS

1890	F. S. Averitte
1893	H. C. Bridger
1899	James M. Frink
1899	James W. Callihan
1899	Timothy C. Hilburn
1901	James White
1901	John N. Kelly
1901	D. Ayche Singletary
	George Lennon, Jr.
1938	Oscar M. White
	Willie D. Ward
	G. E. Callihan
	Fairley Cashwell
	Spurgeon Frink
1939	Livious Lennon
1948	Wilkes Elkins
1950	Eugene Kelly
1950	Jabe Frink
1950	Neil Edwards
1955	Henry Pait
1955	Carlton Lennon
1955	B. Gladstone Long
1955	Hal Kelly
1955	Bernis A. Bartley
1955	James Merritt
1955	Rudolph Johnson
1956	Levie Cain
1956	H. C. Edwards
1960	Kenneth McKee
1960	Graham Hester
1960	Oscar Barr
1961	Wilbur Smith
1963	Richard Bennett
1965	Freddie G. Williams
1966	Rodney Lennon
1968	Wilton Ward
1972	Joe Lennon
1972	Jerry Lennon
1973	Harold Taylor
1974	James M. Dove
1974	Bobby Lennon

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS

1957	H. C. Edwards
1958	Carlton Lennon
1959-61	H. C. Edwards
1962-63	Oscar Barr
1964	Freddie G. Williams
1965-66	Carlton Lennon
1967	Richard Bennett
1968-69	Bernis Bartley
1970	Richard Bennett
1971	L. B. Lennon
1972	Levie Cain
1973-	L. B. Lennon

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARIES

1895	Miss Mary White
1895	Miss Sallie Callihan
1895	J. W. Wilson
1895	J. G. Freeman, Jr.
1895	J. C. Edwards
1903-04	Gaston Callihan
1903	L. W. Freeman
1904	L. W. Edwards
1948-50	Howard Edwards
	Rudolph Johnson
1952-57	H. C. Edwards
1965-66	William L. Frink
1967	Carlton Lennon
1968	Levy Pait
1969-	John Broadus Kelly, Jr.

CHURCH CLERKS

1885-90	J. Gilmore Freeman, Sr.
1891-92	C. G. Averitte
1893-98	Thomas J. Freeman
1898-1928	Timothy C. Hilburn
1928-39	J. Frink Freeman
1939-47	Livious B. Lennon
1948-54	J. Neil Edwards
1954-60	Gordon W. Lennon
1960-65	William L. Frink
1965-68	H. C. Edwards
1968-	Mrs. Gene Powers

TRUSTEES

1893	James White
1893	Timothy C. Hilburn
	F. D. McLean, Sr.
1900	James Monroe Frink
1903	Frank P. Callihan
1905	Thomas J. Freeman
1911	John N. Kelly
1943	Malcolm Frink, Sr.
1943	Willie D. Ward
1943	Levie Cain
1943	J. F. Freeman
1953	E. Hal Kelly
1954	J. Malcolm Frink, Jr.
1965	Freddie Williams
1966	Carlton Lennon
1969	Rodney Lennon
1969	Jabe Frink
1975	Jerry Lennon

CHURCH TREASURERS

	A. E. Pait
1890	J. W. Callihan
1900	F. S. Averitte
1923	A. A. Hilburn
1926	Oscar M. White
1927	Will D. Shipman
1931	George Lennon, Jr.
1932	James Kelly
1934-41	Hal Kelly
1941-66	Mrs. J. F. Freeman
1966-	Mrs. B. A. Bartley

USHERS

Brate M. Davis
Frank P. Callihan
J. A. Williams
James Merritt
William C. Frink
Eugene Skipper
Bernis A. Bartley
Hamilton Russ
Rudolph Johnson
Carlton Lennon
Wilton Ward
Virgie Elkins
Eugene Kelly
Hubbard Pait
Richard Bennett
Jerry Lennon
Rodney Lennon
Clarence McLean
Kenneth McKee
Oscar Barr
Graham Hester
Bruce Ransom
Freddie G. Williams
Floyd Pait
Levy Pait
Nathan Kelly
Mark Frink
Joe Lennon
Mitchell Lennon
Kenneth Cain
Gary Frink
Gene Powers
Gene Barr
Andy Edwards
Larry Strickland
Wayne Hester
Roger Merritt
Winston King
Billy Parnell
Edward Singletary
Johnny Deaver
Malcolm Frink, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

1877	Charlie W. Williams
1878	D. Callihan
1881	J. Gilmore Freeman
1884-87	Snowden Hester
1888	Timothy C. Hilburn
1889	Snowden Hester
1890-91	Timothy C. Hilburn
1892	H. Frank Hilburn
1895	D. Ayche Singletary
1895	James Monroe Frink
1895	Henry C. Bridger
1896	F. P. Callihan
1903	D. Ayche Singletary
1904	Timothy C. Hilburn
1905	D. Ayche Singletary
1913-19	Timothy C. Hilburn
1920	F. Dayton McLean
1922	George Lennon, Jr.
1923-28	Spurgeon Frink
1929	George Lennon, Jr.
1931-32	John M. Lennon
1933-37	Hal Kelly
1938	John Moore Lennon
1939-44	J. Malcolm Frink, Sr.
1945-47	Levie Cain
1948-51	Gordon Lennon
1952	Eugene Kelly
1952-57	Hal Kelly
1958-59	Jabe Frink
1960-61	Paul Johnson
1962-63	Freddie G. Williams
1964	Paul Johnson
1965	Freddie G. Williams
1966-67	Hal Kelly
1968-71	Horace C. Edwards
1972-75	Wilton Ward
1975-	James M. Dove

KNOWN TEACHERS

Cradle Roll

Mrs. Hilda Edwards
Mrs. Geneva Lennon
Mrs. Sue McKee
Mrs. Elsworth Ward
Mrs. Darlene Kelly
Mrs. Florence Lennon

Nursery

Mrs. Sarah Ann White
Mrs. Jewell Barr
Mrs. Mary Pait
Mrs. Alice Frink
Mrs. Esther Edwards
Mrs. Frances Kelly
Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers
Mrs. Cathy Deaver
Mrs. Ruby Prevatte
Mrs. Sue McKee
Mrs. Irene Pait
Mrs. Della Bennett
Mrs. Patsi Callihan
Mrs. Mary Jane Hester
Mrs. Gladys Pait
Mrs. Hester Williams

Beginners

Mrs. Laura Callihan Lennon
Mrs. Estelle Johnson
Mrs. Esther Edwards
Mrs. Ida Mae Burney
Mrs. Jewell Barr
Mrs. Elsworth Ward
Mrs. Ruby Prevatte
Mrs. Irene Johnson
Mrs. Frances Kelly
Mrs. Geneva Lennon
Mrs. Betty Frink
Mrs. Hester Williams
Mrs. Mary Thelma Hester
Miss Susan Kelly
Mrs. Darlene Kelly
Mrs. Marie Merritt
Mrs. Velma Pait
Mrs. Jo Lynn Ransom
Miss Linda Pait
Mrs. Vickie Taylor

Primaries

Mrs. Mattie Lennon
Mrs. Maggie Singletary
Mrs. Maggie Edwards
Mrs. Maxine Davis Edwards
Miss Betty Lou Barnes
Mrs. Marie Merritt
Mrs. Frances Kelly
Mrs. Lena Jane Smith
Mrs. Carol Strickland
Mrs. Della Bennett
Mrs. Appie Cain
Miss Sarah Johnson
Mrs. Gladys Pait
Mrs. Elsworth Ward
Mrs. Patsi Prease Callihan
Mrs. Margaret Bennett
Mrs. Celia Cashwell
Mrs. Joyce Davis
Mrs. Vickie Taylor
Mrs. Mary Pait
Mrs. Alma Lanier

Junior Boys

Mr. Jim Callihan
Mr. Wilbur Smith
Mr. Maurice Edwards
Mr. Jabe Frink
Mrs. Margaret Bennett
Mrs. Velma W. Pait
Mr. Richard Bennett
Mr. Rodney Lennon
Mr. Graham Hester
Mr. Oscar Barr
Mr. Wayne Hester
Mrs. Mary Jane Hester
Mr. Mark Frink
Mr. Neil Edwards

Junior Girls

Miss Callie Ward
Mrs. Letha Barnes
Mrs. Hester White Williams
Mrs. Judy Edwards Hester
Miss Hilda N. Frink
Mrs. Alice Frink
Mrs. Betty Frink
Mrs. Mary Jane Hester
Mrs. Florence Lennon
Mrs. Annie R. Powers
Mrs. Gladys Pait
Mrs. Christine Lennon
Mrs. Patsi Callihan
Miss Betty Edwards
Miss Rachel Frink
Mrs. Emily Frink
Miss Taressa Pait

Intermediate Boys

Mr. John Lennon
Mr. Grover Frink
Mr. Henry Pait
Mr. Billy Edwards
Mr. Kenneth McKee
Mr. John Clark
Mr. Levie Cain
Mr. Jabe Frink
Mr. Wilton Ward
Mr. Rodney Lennon
Mr. Oscar Barr
Mr. Bobby Lennon
Mr. Malcolm Frink, Jr.
Mrs. Mary Lou Edwards

Intermediate Girls

Mrs. Spurgeon Frink
Mrs. Fannie Kelly Evans
Mrs. Ruby Edwards McKee
Mrs. Edna Kelly
Mrs. Alice Frink
Mrs. Appie Cain
Mrs. Edith L. Freeman
Mrs. Della Bennett
Miss Hilda N. Frink
Mrs. Darlene Kelly
Mrs. Gladys Pait
Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers
Mrs. Velma W. Pait
Miss Taressa Pait
Miss Jenel Strickland
Miss Cheryl Lennon
Miss Becky Lennon

Young Men

Mr. Henry Pait
Mr. Maurice Edwards
Mr. Livious B. Lennon
Mr. Neil Edwards
Mr. H. C. Edwards
Mr. James Merritt
Mr. Jabe Frink
Mr. Levie Cain
Mr. Donald Kelly
Mr. Freddie Williams
Mr. Wilbur Smith
Mr. Richard Bennett

Ladies Bible Class

Mrs. Martha Frink
Mrs. Ada Bartley
Mrs. Ruby Prevatte
Mrs. Ruby McKee
Mrs. Mary Pait
Mrs. Doris Clark
Mrs. Effie McLean
Mrs. Esther W. Edwards

Young Married Women

Mrs. Ada Bartley
Mrs. Velma W. Pait
Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers
Mrs. Barbara Bozeman
Mrs. Florence Lennon
Mrs. Dianne Freeman
Mrs. Gladys Pait

Young Marrieds

Mr. Donald Kelly
Mr. Joe Lennon
Mr. Chris Merritt

Young People

Mr. Richard Bennett
Mr. Jerry Lennon

Sunshine Class

Mrs. Alma Lanier
Mrs. Esther W. Edwards
Mrs. Florence Lennon
Mrs. Jo Lynn Ransom
Mrs. Ann Dove

Adult Ladies

Mrs. Mae Watterson
Mrs. Spurgeon Frink
Mrs. Fannie Pait
Mrs. Maggie Singletary
Mrs. Dorothy Freeman
Mrs. Effie McLean
Mrs. Ruth Lennon

Mrs. Appie Cain
Mrs. Ruby McKee
Mrs. L. B. Lennon
Mrs. Margaret Bennett
Mrs. Alma Lanier

Adult Men

Mr. Timothy C. Hilburn
Mr. W. D. Shipman
Mr. Walter Singletary
Mr. F. Dayton McLean, Sr.
Mr. George Lennon, Jr.
Mr. J. M. Frink, Sr.
Mr. Willie D. Ward
Mr. Hal Kelly
Mr. Livious B. Lennon
Rev. Leroy Trevathan
Mr. Paul Johnson

Extension Department

Mrs. L. A. Edwards
Mrs. L. W. Edwards
Mrs. Rudolph Johnson
Mrs. Nolie Lennon
Mrs. Esther W. Edwards
Mrs. Geneva Lennon
Mrs. Lillon Brown
Mr. Livious B. Lennon

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Date	Enrollment	Attendance	Collection	Weather
1895				
June 2		72	$ 1.51	Fair
July 7	90	88	1.31	Fair
August 4	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL			Rainy
September 1	109	75	.57	Cloudy
October 13	105	75	.44	Fair
November 3	108	80	1.97	Fair
December 1	115	59	.54	Changeable
1975				
June 1	181	152	$1,010.62	Partly cloudy and hot
July 6	167	136	1,237.23	Overcast and warm
August 3	176	151	1,175.36	Fair and warm
September 7	176	151	1,012.95	Fair and warm
October 5	171	164	1,966.20	Cool and light rain
November 2	181	151	955.22	
December 7	171	145	985.45	Foggy and mild
1976				
May 30	214	187	842.77	Mild and fair

	1892	1902	1912	1929	1939	1949	1959	1969
Pastor's Salary	$100.00	$125.00	$200.00	$220.30	$304.91	$800.00	$1,872.00	$2,588.54
Missions:								
Home		25.00	60.00	40.00	2.65	15.95	417.30	173.75
State	7.06	36.69	91.88	65.00		12.50	214.60	84.62
Foreign	20.35	37.50	128.00	82.20	3.10	36.65	551.01	388.76
Associational		2.07			2.00		100.00	75.00
Orphanage	5.01	18.89	30.00		48.44	185.57	246.25	401.40
Cooperative Program				156.64	102.78	800.00	400.00	1,650.00

	1975
Pastor's Salary	$11,400.00
Literature	1,540.37
Cooperative Program	2,000.00
Foreign Missions	1,200.00
Home Missions	421.00
State Missions	539.38
Heck Jones Offering	71.82
Children's Homes	752.17
Baptist Hospital	810.88
Associational Missions	1,000.00
Local Missions & Benevolence	3,216.37
Medical Center	1,000.00
Rescue Squad	230.00
Russia	100.50

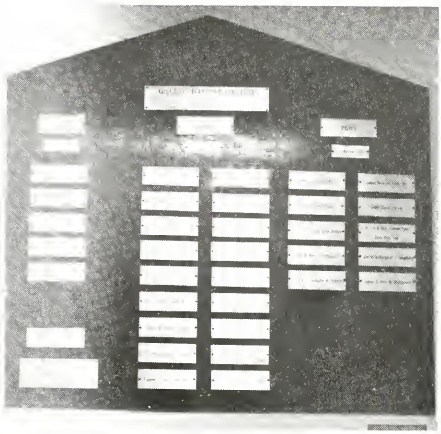
Building Program Expenditures 1965 - 76

1965	$25,939.46
1966	5,502.87
1967	6,076.38
1968	6,741.15
1969	28.66
1970	55,361.92
1971	8,454.03
1972	1,814.94
1973	7,124.41
1974	7,948.47
1975	16,261.64

GROUNDBREAKING – MAY 9, 1965 - Mrs. William Frink, Hal Kelly, Reverend Tom Womble, Jabe Frink, H. C. Edwards, Reverend Alton Coble, B. A. Bartley, Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Levie Cain, Malcolm Frink, Carlton Lennon, William Frink, Duncan McLean, Freddie Williams, Reverend Robert L. Newton, Paul Johnson, Velma W. Pait.

Dinner - on - the - grounds – Around 1948

Minute Book 1885 - 1929



Memorial Plaque in Vestibule of Sanctuary

Marker on steps of original site of first church adjoining cemetery

Our beloved dead. Galeed Baptist Church Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Conference Minutes of Hickory Grove, Shady Grove, Abbottsburg, Sandy Grove and Lennon's Cross Roads Baptist Churches.
2. Conference Minutes and other record books of Galeed Baptist Church.
3. Central Union, Cape Fear and Bladen Associational Minutes.
4. Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.
5. The Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest University.
6. Cemeteries in surrounding areas.
7. Deeds in possession of church.
8. History of Woman's Missionary Union by Alma B. Hunt.
9. A History of Hickory Grove Baptist Church by Nash A. Odom.
10. A Historical Sketch of Great Marsh Baptist Church by Nash A. Odom.
11. Former pastors, their families and friends.
12. Conversations with the older members in this and surrounding communities.
13. Former members.

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James M. Dove for his sketches of the log school and the first church building. Also, for acting as chairman in making preparations for the stage settings for the pageant.

CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1976 8:00 P. M.

Prelude — Rachel Frink, Organist
Betty Edwards Bryan, Pianist

"The Church By The Side Of The Road" — Galeed Quartet
Jerry Lennon, Christine Lennon. Richard Bennett. Rodney Lennon

PAGEANT – "The First One Hundred Years of Galeed," written by Velma Ward Pait and Edith Lennon Freeman and directed by Velma Ward Pait.
Members of the church will portray events from our history, ranging in content from a classroom scene in the little log school house where the church was organized, continuing through the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society, making the difficult decision of whether the church should move and giving a quick overview of the church as it is today.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1976

10:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR — James M. Dove, Director

"An Attempt at Revival" — Former Pastor, Reverend S. W. Jolly
Council Baptist Church

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

Doxology
Invocation — Pastor
Hymn No. 389 – "O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brought Us"
Welcome and Recognition of Visitors — Jerry W. Lennon
Scripture — Ruth W. Prince
Director of Missions, Bladen Association

Morning Prayer
Choral Response — Adult Choir
Hymn No. 380 – "The Church's One Foundation"
Offertory Prayer
Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Anthem – "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand" — Adult Choir
Dedication of the Church
Hymn No. 499 – "Dedicatory Hymn" — Adult Choir
Sermon: "The God of Our Fathers" — Pastor
Hymn No. 386 – "O Jesus I Have Promised"

2:00 AFTERNOON SERVICE

Medley of Music — Youth Choir
Hymn No. 188 – "Amazing Grace" (a cappella)
Prayer
Excerpts from Our History — Velma Ward Pait
In Memoriam — Edith Lennon Freeman, Annie Ruth Powers
Duet – "The Lights of Home" — Ann Dove, Christine Lennon
Greetings from friends of the church
Hymn No. 372 – "God Be With Us"
Benediction

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Velma Pait, Chairman, Mrs. Ruby McKee, Mrs. Joyce Walters, Mrs. Annie Ruth Powers, Mr. Jabe Frink, Mrs. Frances Kelly, Mrs. Betty Frink, Mrs. Edith Freeman

As Chairman of the Centennial Committee I would like to express my deepest appreciation to those of the various committees. Many, many hours of research and planning has been put forth by these committee members. Many sacrifices have been made by them and their families in order for us to be able to observe in such a wonderful way our One Hundredth Anniversary.

The History Committee — Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Chairman
Mrs. Gene Powers
Mr. Jabe Frink

The Historical Exhibit Committee — Mrs. Luther McKee
Mrs. Gerald Walters

The Costumes Committee — Mrs. Malcolm Frink, Jr.
Mrs. Eugene Kelly

The Church Hostess — Mrs. Jabe Frink

Hostess Committee — Mrs. Howard Edwards, Chairman
Mrs. Chris Merritt
Mrs. Harold Taylor
Mrs. H. C. Edwards
Mr. Graham Hester
Mr. Oscar Barr
Mr. James Merritt

The Centennial Committee Chairman
Velma Ward Pait

We realize that this history is incomplete and contains inadvertent errors and omissions. If you know of authentic additions or corrections, please mail them to: The Centennial Committee, Galeed Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320.

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